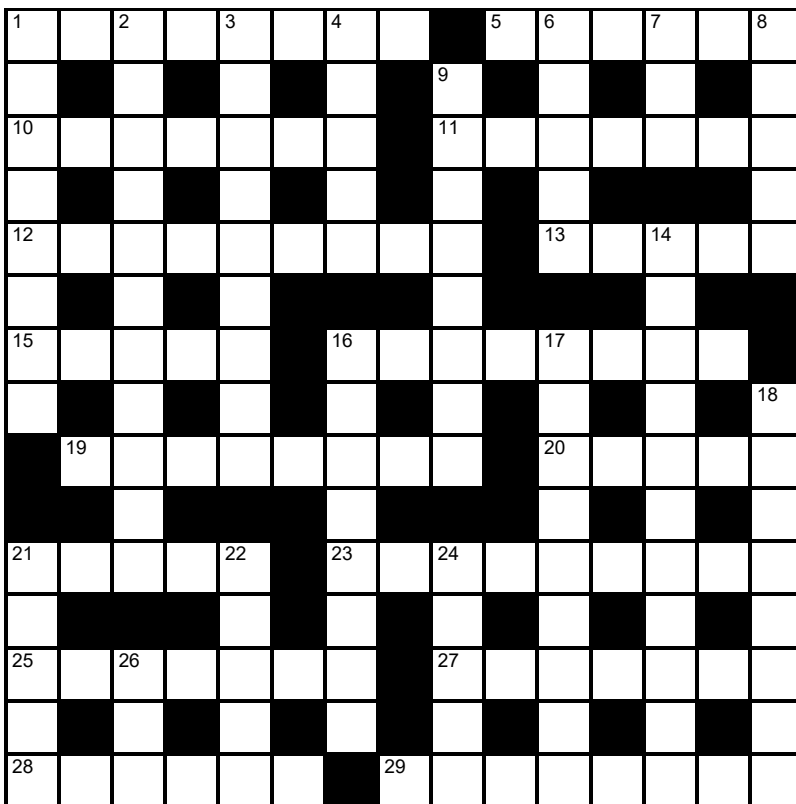


CROSSWORD No 17,838 by SLORMGORM



ACROSS

- 1 Concerning Excel page my boss summarised (8)
- 5 District by outskirts of Edmond or Split (6)
- 10 Depart lodgings with secured reservation (7)
- 11 Month to get over flipping drink for inker (7)
- 12 A pitch by chaps essentially after reparation (9)
- 13 Boxer right to get brashly confident, having knocked head off (5)
- 15 Chopper one spotted heading for rendezvous (5)
- 16 Liberal getting cash from Labour for education (8)
- 19 Not good to eat in bed and lie about (8)
- 20 Intros of really emotive elegies Kenyan soprano hums (5)
- 21 Medal worn by one in operation (5)
- 23 It is clear pants can be practical (9)
- 25 Reject unacceptable group of players (7)
- 27 A dead small high point in commercial jargon (7)
- 28 Chairs lacking legs ultimately can be worrying (6)
- 29 Be wisest to go around places surfers go (8)

DOWN

- 1 Ruddy rubbish lawyer is a beast (3,5)
- 2 Coin con gets off people in the know? (11)
- 3 Pet possibly handed over behind centre for RSPCA (9)
- 4 Characters featuring in women's UEFA result (5)
- 6 You might say an extra element (not fluorine) (5)
- 7 Someone from Ireland perhaps getting over cold? (3)
- 8 Dutch clown in Springfield loses Swedish currency in Springfield? (5)
- 9 One tied up in sack and left by a church (8)
- 14 Tory chaps with time to drink wine will find happiness (11)
- 16 Free liberal judge locked up close to June (8)
- 17 Russians moving to surround carbon plant (9)
- 18 Cook asks each for things to eat (8)
- 21 Good honey that a beekeeper might've had a hand in? (5)
- 22 Old relative restraining one in scrap (5)
- 24 Proverb: all dictators are generally evil leaders (5)
- 26 Offensive note written on piece of tissue (3)

Solution 17,837

C	O	N	V	E	N	E	D	B	E	T	I	D	E
P	A	O	R	E	A	O							
M	E	R	L	I	N	E	A	S	Y	G	A	M	E
R	E	D	S	T									
H	A	N	D	A	B	S	C	O	N	D	I	N	G
C	O	N	C	E	R	T	O			S	E	T	T
T	T	Y											
O	H	I	O		N	E	A	T	N	E	S	S	
E	R	D											
G	R	E	Y	B	E	A	R	D	S	L	A	C	K
H													
M	A	T	T	E	R	E	D		B	U	N	G	E
L	I	I											
A	F	T	E	R	S								

JOTTER PAD



Scan the QR code to access FT crosswords over the last 30 days — cryptic, Polymath, Weekend and Sunday puzzles — or go to ft.com/crosswordapp