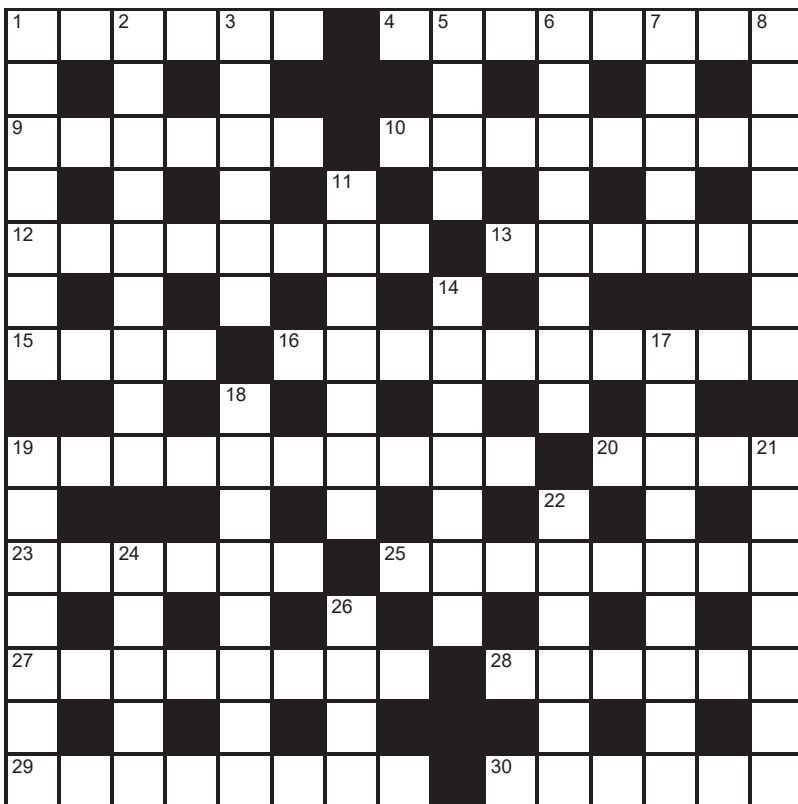


CROSSWORD No 17,888 by STEERPIKE



ACROSS

- 1 Commanding officer given roasting about King's Regiment (6)
- 4 Question a medic working alongside second airborne division (8)
- 9 Ancient people, say, ran amok (6)
- 10 Incontrovertible report of beneficiary getting drunk (8)
- 12 Company enthralled by revolutionary cooking utensil's lid (5,3)
- 13 International organisation exposed fakery around announcement of discovery (6)
- 15 Swear copper meets suspects on vacation (4)
- 16 Old student's conclusion in practical is apparent (10)
- 19 Expressing remorse, writer holding record within agency retired (10)
- 20 Kiss taken aback by lighting on stage (4)
- 23 Somehow home and not home (2,1,3)
- 25 Advocate hiding heroin in plant (8)
- 27 Benevolent witch eruditely entertains visibly nervous individual (8)
- 28 Pelt doormen regularly in commotion (6)
- 29 Servant died after farm animal went berserk (8)
- 30 Condition of artwork European traded with leader of Sioux (6)

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JOTTER PAD

DOWN

- 1 Official essentially supports group of students enduring work (7)
- 2 As if by magic, Tory sheep scattered (3,6)
- 3 Celebrity regarding present with nonchalance, initially (6)
- 5 Somewhat short of energy? Give up! (4)
- 6 The French reflected on commonplace consideration (8)
- 7 Rascal chopping ends off shoes (5)
- 8 Crackpot can't use mobile (7)
- 11 Accepting nothing, impartial journalist partook in competition (7)
- 14 School of Buddhism hits new heights (7)
- 17 Spooner's American sweetsies kick Australian native (9)
- 18 Uploaded carbon copy account of article exalting India's flatbread (8)
- 19 Pilot worked out ratio is below average (7)
- 21 Birds finally extending range across river (7)
- 22 Sum doctor charges relative (6)
- 24 Ring after eleven in the morning, it's fundamental (5)
- 26 Oddly withdrawn after the party (4)



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