CROSSWORD No 17,912 by JASON

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Solution 17,911





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ACROSS

9 Tired team struggles, there's no getting away from it (9)

10 Pick some counsel I tender (5)

11 Checks on popular shortcoming (5,2)

12 Restrict rook quite well (7)

13 Second person is green but no good(3)

14 Flatten mall and restore in a new way (11)

17 Question of place with that girl close to me (5)

18 Returning stage of course to come together (3)

19 Carry minute symbol of charm? (5)

21 Singer's evening at home with good beer (11)

23 Unusual spirit (3)

25 Flag in street is what you get at trattoria, say (7)

27 Drop in ratings implies reduced cover above (4,3)

28 Great source of oil found by son (5)

29 A place to relax in laid-back clubs — shock (4,5)

DOWN

- 1 When carrier is out of place (6)
- 2 Trim chap set on one kipper (8)

3 Steady's blooming prettiness (10)

4 Secure new farm building (4)

5 Sweet cracker wound up meal with first bit of Brie included (5,5)

6 Head from boycott being full of energy(4)

7 I will be included in latest decoration(6)

8 Glare met unsettling old message (8)

15 Created in green Eden, I flourished (10)

16 In two minds about the guard (2,3,5)

17 This might draw in mostly nervous girl(8)

20 Go and hide, fink (8)

22 Natter over a ciggie (6)

24 In text you're caught by couple that's grown-up (6)

26 Sell up what stands before hotel? (4)

27 Bread while in church (4)