

CROSSWORD 17,988 by LEONIDAS

ACROSS

DOWN

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Sailor replacing litre of red for show (7)
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Check current record maybe cut by AC/DC (7)
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Requiring practice in enclosure after game (5)
- 10

Repetitious musical on 50% of time recalled (9)
- 11

Manila still occasionally disseminated? (5,4)
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Sanctimonious in bed about subject (5)
- 13

Redden when upset with blue tone in wordplay (6,8)
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Adult out more perhaps on street by stone shelter turning metal (9,5)
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Unlimited crisps for American river mammal (5)
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Mean sort of fellow with nothing back inside broke (9)
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Ascertain origin of tracks lining animal tunnel (9)
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Dip bread in tray periodically (5)
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Relative wearing underwear for railway worker? (7)
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Drive by Asian capital around clump of trees (7)
- 1

Colour of stand at bottom of church (6)
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Some Slav on ass observed climbing steps (5,4)
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Sail right over short lock (5)
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Islander cheers one with flags on base (9)
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A lot of ladies bedevilled model (5)
- 6

Warm material below soil finally surfacing (9)
- 7

Robbers essentially hobble craft (5)
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Fish fed by king on edges of enormous channels (8)
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Follow aristo lifting strange instrument (5,4)
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Unpleasant property secured by gymnast in Essex (9)
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Health expert spotted object ahead of artist (9)
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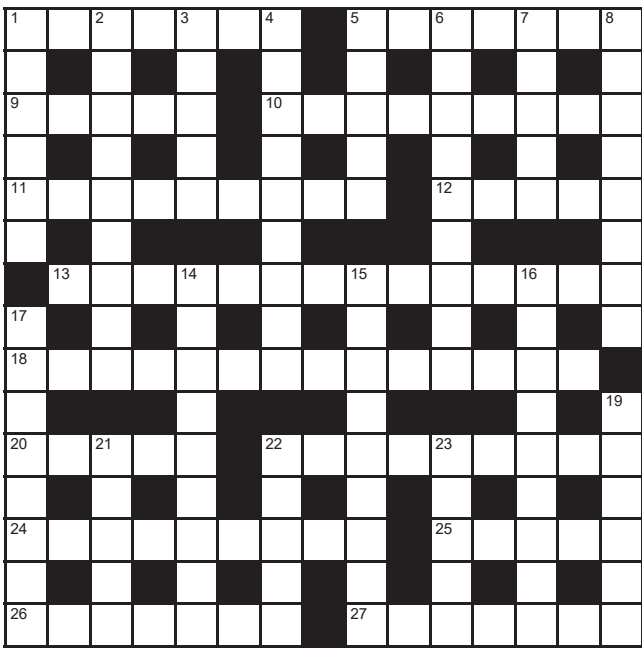
Lily and Dale worked with shop (8)
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Marine accepts tense setter's hot (6)
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Erect unassembled stage (3,2)
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Heir's child catching cold on island (5)
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Note tips of ruby studs in tongue (5)



Solution 17,982

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