

Solution to Crossword No: 029 by WEB

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"Many Happy Returns, Derek!"

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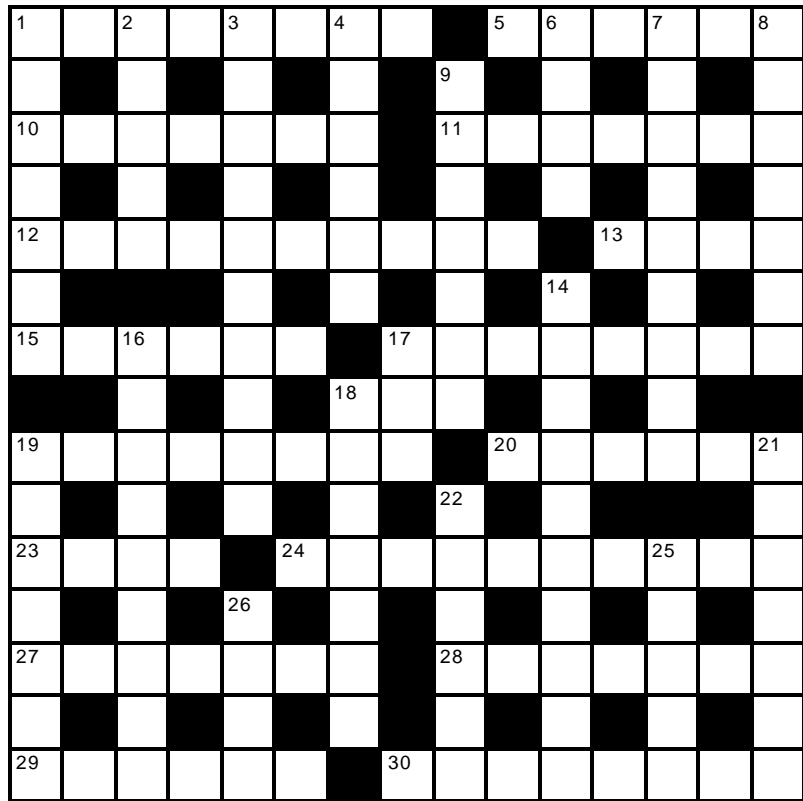
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Across

- 1 By taking a third alternative, but only once every year (8)
- 5 Hopes she's able to join the Women's Institute (6)
- 10 Before tea Ultan has a little dried fruit (7)
- 11 Get all the quarter-final teams in shape? (7)
- 12 XLKWS (5,5)
- 13 Capable, I hear, of getting from one to three (2,2)
- 15 It's L.A.'s, so the lieutenant's here about that opera number (6)
- 17 The service here, to some degree, is strangely senile (8)
- 18 The lion was half-hidden there (3)
- 19 Unwed cows? My ears must have deceived me! (8)
- 20 The heat's on here ... I told you to give the Uzi to Jack! (3,3)
- 23 Joyce's companion was no artist (4)
- 24 Clean up her corrupt little chap (10)
- 27 It's quite ordinary, Monsieur, for you to see a *northern* Dane there (7)
- 28 The South has something like a 24-across that's pretty egocentric (7)
- 29 He is first to get into the sea according to Pierre (6)
- 30 It's puzzling, yet simple ... No. 10 is right beside it (8)

Down

- 1 It's Tim, I'd say, who's not happy, Doc (7)
- 2 Are you with the French, and are you in charge? (5)
- 3 We have a try to make nuclear power "cool" (5,5)
- 4 O, man! Is there a sailor in the middle of 15-across? (6)
- 6 Just a little bit after ten, thanks (4)



- 7 Hillary's greatest achievement perhaps? (4,5)
- 8 Jo's insane to be seen in Silicon Valley (3,4)
- 9 He's employed the woman to take in Ray's kids initially (7)
- 14 These are strange circles ... one forgets the past (10)
- 16 Takes care of that racket I can hear with what's left of the doughnuts (9)
- 17 That would be Edward sleeping there (3)
- 18 To see the dyer dye moved some, but didn't move me (3-4)
- 19 The least you can do is note that you take the motorway (7)
- 21 That woman who's been wailing has been all round here (7)
- 22 There are times the Queen uses it to make things disappear (6)
- 25 I won't be there, so it'll be the one after the A51 (5)
- 26 Can the little one be around a bee? (4)

Difficulty Rating: ①②③④⑤

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Across

1 BIRTHDAY

"By" taking "a third" alternative = BIRTHDAY: but only once every year.

5 WI-SHE'S

The Women's Institute (WI) she's able to join (SHE'S) = WISHES: hopes.

10 S-ULTAN-A

Before tea, 'T' (S) Ultan (ULTAN) has a (A) = SULTANA: little dried fruit.

11 OCTAGON

Get all the quarter-final teams (8 sides) in shape = OCTAGON.

12 FORTY W-IN-KS

XL (FORTY) KWS (W IN KS) = FORTY WINKS.

13 UP TO

Getting from one to three (UP TWO) I hear as = UP TO: capable of.

15 L(ARIA)T

The lieutenant's here (L-T) about that opera number (ARIA) = LARIAT: it's la's-so.

17 BA-SELIN

To some degree (BA) is strangely "senile" (-SELIN) = BASELINE: the service here (at tennis, say).

18 DEN

Half hid-DEN = DEN: the lion was there.

19 MISHEARD

Unwed cows (MISS HERD) I "heard" as = MISHEARD: my ears must have deceived me.

20 HOT TUB

Give the Uzi to Jack (JACK UZI) I told you, and you heard as = JACUZZI = HOT TUB: the heat's on here.

23 NO-RA

No (NO) artist (RA) = NORA (Barnacle), James Joyce's companion.

24 LEPRECHAUN

"Clean up her" corrupt = LEPRECHAUN: little chap.

27 M-U-N-DANE

Monsieur (M) for you (U) to see a northern (N) Dane (DANE) there = MUNDANE: it's quite ordinary.

28 S-ELFISH

The South (S) has something like a LEPRECHAUN (ELFISH) = SELFISH: that's pretty egocentric.

29 M(IST)ER

The sea according to Pierre (M-ER) "first" to get into (IST) = MISTER: he is.

30 CROSAIRE

Yet simple (SIMPLE) no. 10 (X) = SIMPLEX is right beside it = CROSAIRE: it's puzzling.

Down

1 BASHFUL

(One of the 7 dwarfs) who's not Happy or Doc = BASHFUL: it's tim-id say.

2 R-U-LE-R

Are you (RU) with the French (LE) and are (R) = RULER: you in charge.

3 HEAVY WATER

"We have a try" to make = HEAVY WATER: to make nuclear power cool (it's a coolant).

4 AR(AB)IA

In the middle of LARIAT (AR-IA) a sailor (AB) = ARABIA: O-man is there (in the geographic region of ARABIA).

6 IO-TA

After ten (IO) thanks (TA) = IOTA: just a little bit.

7 HIGH POINT

(Sir Edmund) Hillary's greatest achievement (HIGH POINT) perhaps was conquering Mt. Everest.

8 SAN (JO'S)E

In-sane (SA-NE) Jo's (JO'S) = SAN JOSE: to be seen in Silicon Valley.

9 WO(RK)MAN

The woman (WO-MAN) to take in R-ay's k-ids initially (RK) = WORKMAN: he's employed.

14 RECONCILES

These are strange "circles one" = RECONCILES: forgets the past.

16 REST-RINGS

With what's left (REST) of the doughnuts (RINGS) = RESTRINGS: takes care of that racquet ("racket" I can hear).

17 B-ED

That would be (B) Edward (ED) = BED: sleeping there.

18 DRY-EYED

To see the "dye dye" moved some = DRY-EYED: but didn't move me.

19 MINIM-U-M

Note (MINIM) that you (U) take the motorway (M) = MINIMUM: the least you can do.

21 BANSHEE

"Has been" all round here = BANSHEE: that woman who's been wailing.

22 ERAS-ER

There are times (ERAS) the Queen (ER) = ERASER: uses it to make things disappear.

25 A-LI-B-I

After the A51 (A-LI) it'll be (B) the one (I) = ALIBI: I won't be there.

26 B(A-B)E

Be (B-E) around a bee (A B) = BABE: the little one.

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