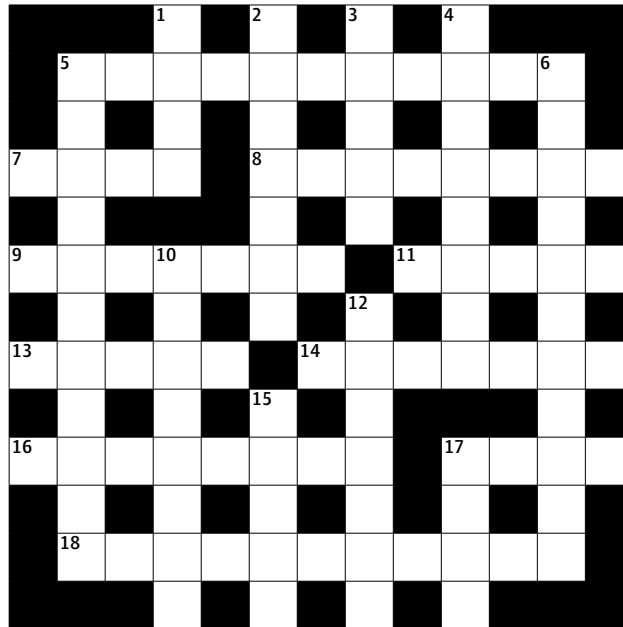


Quick crossword no 12,546



Across

- 5 Close together (5,2,4)
- 7 Traverse (4)
- 8 Stimulant (4-2-2)
- 9 Strong breeze – strong drink (7)
- 11 Self-assertive (5)
- 13 Church (once linked to convent or priory) (5)
- 14 Colourful parade (7)
- 16 On which railway lines rest (8)
- 17 Speak with great anger (4)
- 18 Archipelago off Cornwall (6,5)

Down

- 1 Insufficient – incline (4)
- 2 Ship's captain (7)
- 3 Execute without trial (5)
- 4 Rodent (8)
- 5 Insignia of a professional jester – bland places (anag) (3,3,5)
- 6 Mild anaesthetic once used in dentistry (8,3)
- 10 Distracted (8)
- 12 Fighting vessel (7)
- 15 Stringed instrument (5)
- 17 Depend (upon) (4)

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