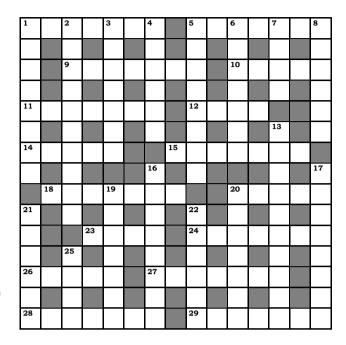
November 2018 Slot 5 by Nigrum Cattus

Across

- 1 Herb a courteous man with a boy (7)
- **5** Interbranch usage interrupted by growth in Eurasia (7)
- **9** Immediately freeze growth (7)
- **10** Take said route around Britain in a computerised machine (5)
- 11 Useless Inuit troubled-by the French (7)
- 12 A measure of old port (4)
- **14** The objective; we follow the fate of a car manufacturer (5)
- **15** Reprocessed food passed water plant (7)
- 18 Lily (American) caught in crush (7)
- **20** Maybe Harris returned to a vegetable life (5)
- 23 Amalgam content is growing (4)
- 24 Disney fish wore an old Scots buttercup (7)
- **26** Flower cluster held by a tiny girl in a fairy tale (5)
- 27 Imbues infantry with customs (7)
- **28** Host at first aghast, upset by Twitter metadata (4,3)
- 29 She can break down any salt (7)

Down

- 1 Dame Edna's favourite soldier, hugging Scottish lover, left after ten (8)
- 2 No saint, naturist must dress with leaves (10)
- 3 Letters with a Conservative bent perhaps! (7)
- 4 Fixed number who were sick (6)
- 5 Asian chief married after time in garden (8)
- **6** Old fashioned line in hairstyle (7)
- 7 Dimwit lost his head, the knob! (4)
- 8 Flowers planted in a masterstroke (6)
- 13 Dye colours mixed properly (10)
- 16 Seeing that truism can be trying (8)
- **17** Scandinavian lifted small boat with stamina (8)
- **19** Found in bed with a blown up mattress, in custody of London police (7)
- 20 Dancing faeries seen in the garden (7)
- **21** Surprise! Associate member met President



- **22** Tennis ace keeping fit, loses time but shows true fibre (6)
- 25 Echo from sibilant bird (4)