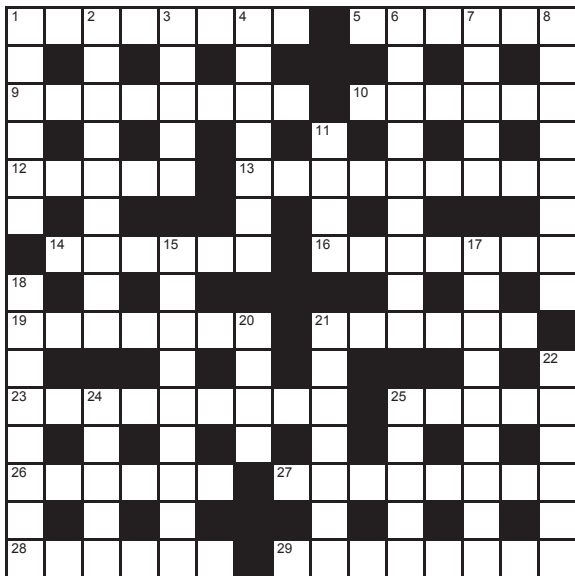


CROSSWORD

No. 16,499 Set by GOZO



JOTTER PAD

Across answers and 15 down have a common theme and are undefined in the clues

ACROSS

- 1 Crazy clown coming first (8)
- 5 Daughter having the morning with her brother (6)
- 9 Exercise the latter half of the year – most important (8)
- 10 Not half talkative at end of concert (6)
- 12 Italian poet's anonymous (5)
- 13 Perplexed generations – not so! (9)
- 14 Love what's on offer (6)
- 16 Jean awkwardly embraced style (7)
- 19 March past, apparently, before October Revolution (7)
- 21 Small sea god (6)
- 23 Long drink – about 2p . . . (9)
- 25 . . . so, one hundred would cost a pound (5)
- 26 Lives through the downpour (6)
- 27 Go back and forth – goes wrong inside (8)
- 28 Contrary heroine booked after game (6)
- 29 Island Bobby (8)

DOWN

- 1 Angelic figures I had seen in bras? (6)
- 2 He hires boats – two Queens – and map, first (9)
- 3 Members of Lloyd's having irregular means (5)
- 4 Flower disturbs Lettish characters (7)

- 6 As already stated, terrible idea so far (9)
- 7 Small car for Middle Easterner (5)
- 8 Last of women treated badly – were gossips (8)
- 11 Leading article with no name. Yes! (4)
- 15 Exhibition hall pitch concerned with energy (9)
- 17 Battle painting artist raised, holding tattered flag (9)
- 18 Chap who adjusts run to Finnish city, as 21 across would suggest? (8)
- 20 The very best place to be upset (4)
- 21 Most of the lemon may be treated for bone marrow disease (7)
- 22 Japanese military governor's timeless firearm (6)
- 24 Poles have trouble within – they get hammered (5)
- 25 Faced the camera, showing tranquillity. Not I (5)

Solution 16,498

