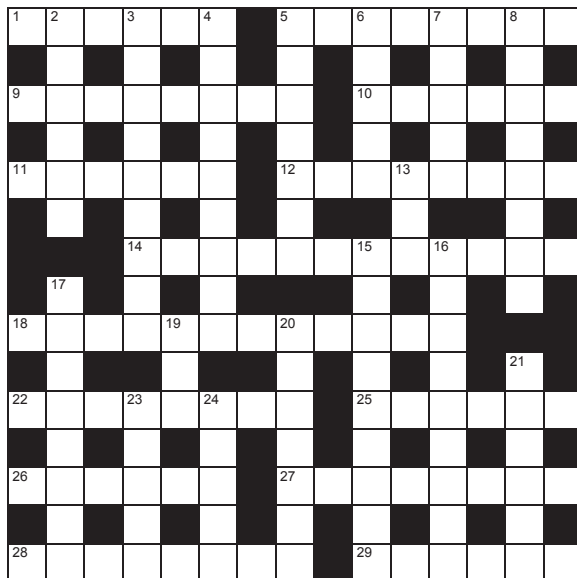


CROSSWORD

No. 16,447 Set by NEO



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Horse at post – will Derby rest on it? (6)
- 5 Bearing north-east to save British soldiers – so paras? (8)
- 9 Spirited Russian fellow among solvers in Paris? (8)
- 10 One hug might be all you need (6)
- 11 Husband in car for example reversed to fill tank (6)
- 12 Worried about party after NEC story (8)
- 14 Scientific mail that came for editing (12)
- 18 Courted lover? (2-10)
- 22 Apathetic Liberal member touring posh gardens (8)
- 25 Ambassador trapped in Conservative speculation (6)
- 26 Small or favourite thing maiden missed (6)
- 27 Unstable new currency financiers mostly backed (8)
- 28 Insect dropped into food from the east – do nothing (8)
- 29 Cure person dead to the world (6)

DOWN

- 2 Disembark in flames (6)
- 3 Schedule for lightweight – yours truly! (9)
- 4 Depart with poetess on travels in March (5,4)
- 5 Some witches' deaths here in question (2,5)

- 6 Former Kent player always up to conserve energy (5)
- 7 Egg-shaped ball Roman poet catches (5)
- 8 Shot prior to retirement? (8)
- 13 Copper to start with tasty prune (3)
- 15 Wondering where young man should go in a brawl? (9)
- 16 Expecting trouble, he is put on manoeuvres (2,3,4)
- 17 Greek character in short time creates shrine (8)
- 19 Thus wife finds pig (3)
- 20 Candidate turning on explosive energy (7)
- 21 Rowing teams said to move smoothly (6)
- 23 Noise from cat non-starter for Dallas clan (5)
- 24 Venue in Edgware named (5)

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