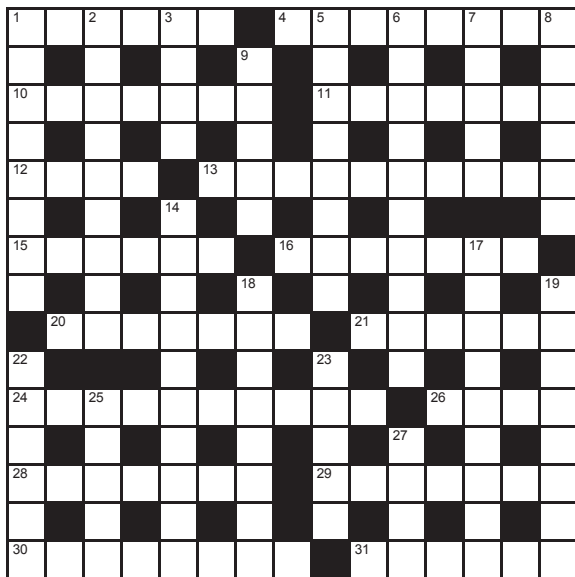


CROSSWORD

No. 16,025 Set by CRUX



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Conked out in the engine room? Most unlikely! (2,4)
- 4 Loosening reins holding little Henry will help his breathing (8)
- 10, 11 Save from drowning, perhaps, one out of her depth? (4,3,2,5)
- 12 Broadcasts put on by the pretentious (4)
- 13 Checks made by coach during breaktimes (10)
- 15 Prisoner initially let out gives the magic word? (6)
- 16 Leader is cut from rabble-raising publication (7)
- 20 Two articles on painting, essentially (2,5)
- 21 This mud generally gives a dirty mark (6)
- 24 Persevere, without lawyers, to expose media mogul (5,5)
- 26 Where to hide from landlord when penniless (4)
- 28 Old-fashioned couple interrupt our final lesson (7)
- 29 More than one Italian 17 (7)
- 30 Diplomacy secures the right answer. . . so carry on (8)
- 31 A novel about doctor and saint (6)

DOWN

- 1 Drivers in US may take them to avoid congestion (3-5)
- 2 Detective, heading south-east, is put off the track (9)
- 3 What cuts should do for Wally (4)
- 5 Could be 12 in a more literary style (8)
- 6 When 5 may be the answer (2,4,4)
- 7 Consumed by ecstasy, given a perfect score (5)
- 8 Accent associated with central 13 (6)
- 9 She's not completely above the law (5)
- 14 When some cats, it's said, make "catty" remarks (10)
- 17 That famous painter, Mr Chips? (3,6)
- 18 Anagram possibly about brandy (8)
- 19 Stern opinion rarely encountered vis-à-vis oneself (4,4)
- 22 Mushroom found in a super yogurt, oddly (6)
- 23 Butterfly spotted here, literally (5)
- 25 More like one of the crowd (5)
- 27 Foreign and English churchman (4)