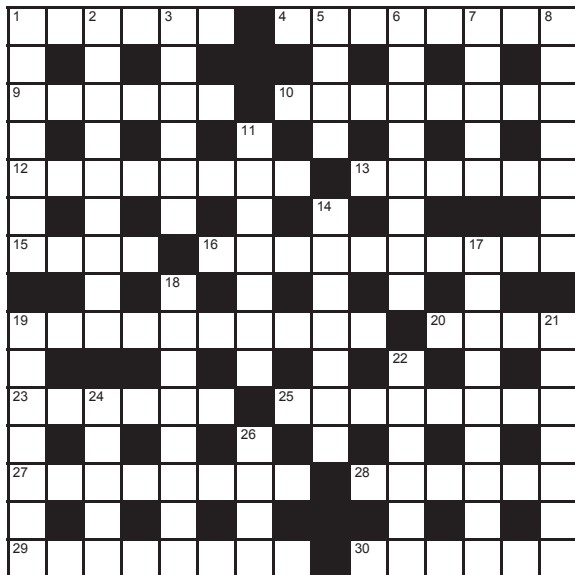


CROSSWORD

No. 16,353 Set by MONK



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Former PM ousting difficult clergy (6)
- 4 Cleverly hiding bungle, backing company (8)
- 9 Very hot temperature – nasty for Cockneys (6)
- 10 Dress-wearing friend of Dorothy is to proceed enthusiastically (2,2,4)
- 12 Johnson, perhaps through, cheats in speech on article (8)
- 13 Tripper that is on a slowboat to China? (6)
- 15 Start to strip outfit in hoax (4)
- 16 Islands I witnessed when swimming (4,6)
- 19 E-print gifs encrypted as digital bits (10)
- 20 Mark Antony's first to appear in finale of *Julius Caesar*, the film (4)
- 23 One cutting threads as a matter of principle (6)
- 25 Old composer and poet composed, eg Irish poetry at first (8)
- 27 Capital fellow, an isolated sort on the outside (8)
- 28 Model pressed by unit in factory, say (2-4)
- 29 Rub injured lower back before beginning to shampoo a carpet
- 30 Shoot French writer once son becomes leader (6)

DOWN

- 1 Girl going below hurt old sailor's arm (7)
- 2 Former Soviet sulks off-and-on about Gulf republic head dropping two places (9)
- 3 Borders of topaz adding feature on printed fabric (6)

- 5 Badger female to host hotel display (4)
- 6 Articulate English ruler heartlessly crushed by destiny (8)
- 7 Choise bishop with wrestling hold (5)
- 8 Americans wise, according to police comms? (7)
- 11 Consort beheaded before Yard secures international disposal (7)
- 14 Bung small-time policeman, but not chief (7)
- 17 Criminal coming into money, initially hiding false ID (9)
- 18 Lower form of IT-related outlets? (3,5)
- 19 Group of bodies encircling a star? (3,4)
- 21 Plan to wear ripped clothing (7)
- 22 Disclose work on foreign article about Portugal (4,2)
- 24 River protected by London authority (5)
- 26 Ring British Telecom's second and third line (4)

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