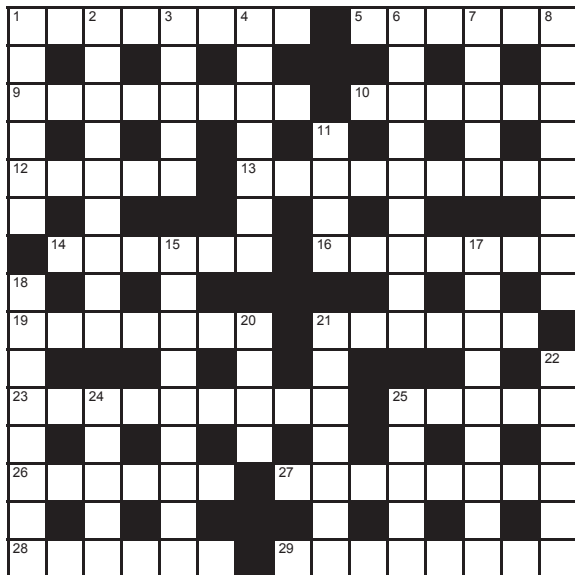


CROSSWORD

No. 16,409 Set by FLIMSY



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Spot about to be covered by ointment (8)
- 5 Succeeded with cries to get strokes (6)
- 9 Small drawers containing Romeo's miscellaneous things (8)
- 10 Bear dying by river (6)
- 12 Prepared to study by taking out book (5)
- 13 See lambs – about 500 – flocked together (9)
- 14 Topping for smooth crumpet? (6)
- 16 DPhil with no struggling? One's intelligent, apparently (7)
- 19 Former policeman initially expected to get angry (7)
- 21 Help from a relative in street (6)
- 23 New doctor fired, entertaining fine hospital department (9)
- 25 Phil ate Roger's sandwiches afterwards (5)
- 26 Most recent newts moving around Fink-Nottle's back (6)
- 27 Brought in minute drink – editor's after one (8)
- 28 Anxiety as adult's lost hair (6)
- 29 Took part in a bike race and finished (8)

DOWN

- 1 Some mountaineers resolve to climb? They're not successful (6)
- 2 Throw up a lot after Canadian melon (9)
- 3 Slow run around yard (5)

- 4 Aida perhaps put on tie regularly for work (7)
- 6 They turn poorly within months after gale (9)
- 7 Queen wearing each large uniform (5)
- 8 Lashing out from son anticipated (8)
- 11 Mistreated sailor's going to be employed (4)
- 15 Handles old clubs including irons? On the contrary (9)
- 17 Waited, excited to embrace model (9)
- 18 Uninteresting aims – they won't get you anywhere (4,4)
- 20 Ecstasy then retreat for old PM (4)
- 21 Try a lure, pursuing last of trout (7)
- 22 Tense with dread at sea – getting flogged (6)
- 24 Not as many sheep in France (5)
- 25 Ladies almost set free (5)

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