CROSSWORD No. 15,961 Set by MONK 12 15

JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 7 Monument path once repaired (8) 8 Sufficient in The Noughties
- 10 Government department axes
- cunning (4) 11 Lowering standards, show respect (3,3,4)
- 12 Gave price in marks? (6) 14 Cheese measure's ridiculous
- (8) **15** Show cast clears up act (11) 20 Thick domestic maid finally
- grasped (8) 21 See voting over in lounge (6) 22 Narrow connector on
- protective goggle (10) 23 Fire fanatic for censoring books (4)
- 25 Fish holding short rod in biannual event (8)

2 Amusing panel disheartened

3 Frank performed after John

Solution 15.960

4 Branch badly served by an exact authority (7,3,5)

paella (6)

(2.4)

externally (6,4)

republic (8)

13 Kill police head? (3.3.4)

a French plant (8)

sausage dog (6)

big tub (7)

18 British ousting American

19 Plant treated cocoa seeds in

23 Character in bronze tabard (4)

16 Former PM framed over

5 Bit of meat under odd bits of

6 Snout names corrupt official

9 Leave Indian resort on street

17 Improbable form of energy in

1 Look - reportedly odd propriety (7)

(6)

DOWN

about fine (4)

- (6)
- 24 Retreat back beside a bridge