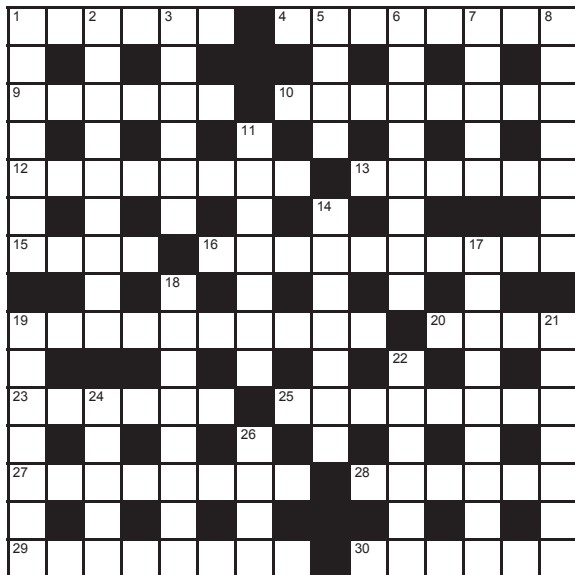


# CROSSWORD

## No. 16,281 Set by GOZO



JOTTER PAD

Each across clue lacks its thematic definition  
**ACROSS**

- 1 Be quiet, young James! But not Jack! (6)
- 4 Flag having four letters – consecutive, but not in order! (5,3)
- 9 Extinct bird is back – inside! (6)
- 10 Old lover with officer (8)
- 12 Working behind hut, we're told (8)
- 13 A leading position during exercise (6)
- 15 The outskirts of Restormel (4)
- 16 Methylated spirits spilt with limited loss (10)
- 19 Reportedly look fixedly around the Rev. Awdry's Big Engine (3,7)
- 20 Leading characters in jury's indecisive verdict expelled (4)
- 23 It's not Max that's rudest, regularly (6)
- 25 Goddess circumvents a veto (8)
- 27 Old partner and copper seem confused (6-2)
- 28 Cricket team in Test reversal (6)
- 29 Test with complicated arrangements (3,5)
- 30 Shut out the French (6)

**DOWN**

- 1 Cocktail attachment (7)
- 2 Like a serf, slain horribly – extremely (2,7)
- 3 Midday sun worshipper is accursed, when upset (3,3)
- 5 Last part of French pastry item? Yes! Part! (4)

- 6 Fellow feeling coy about upsetting my little girl (8)
- 7 Legislative council needs most of the month tracing army leaders (5)
- 8 Good place for alpiners – off centre food store (7)
- 11 And don't disturb the star of *The Paradine Case* (3,4)
- 14 Met Office employee on film (4,3)
- 17 Spilt rice all over charge sheet! (5,4)
- 18 Might have seen electrical tool (5,3)
- 19 Meat is starting to go off – smelling strongest! (7)
- 21 Price-tag cut in half, previously on display stand (7)
- 22 Pleasure ground with cross and gold blend (6)
- 24 Gem from North America, only partly cream (5)
- 26 Festival for ten graduates (4)

Solution 16,280

