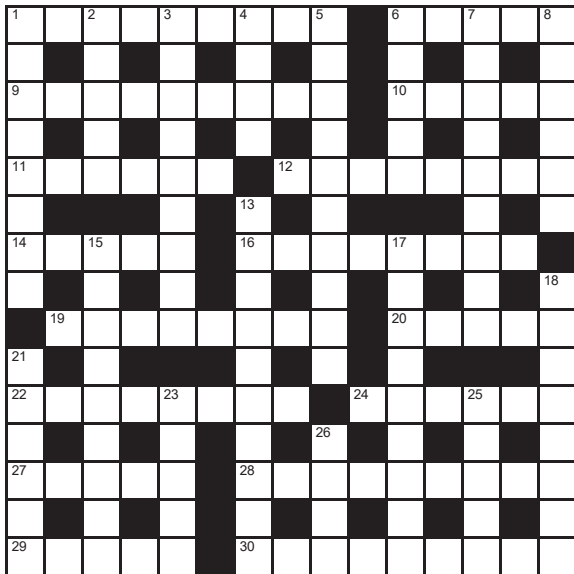


CROSSWORD

No. 15,923 Set by GAFF



JOTTER PAD

A birthday puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Circuitry contains item definitely fading (9)
- 6 Injures with terrible thrust, removing head (5)
- 9 With new Conservative leader, easier to obscure things (9)
- 10 What barman calls sound flavour (5)
- 11 Snaked around works (6)
- 12 Onion key ring and shirt (8)
- 14 Trace source of government material (5)
- 16 Got the better of new pee and pound (3-5)
- 19 Apple grower leads rush to split post (3-5)
- 20 Part out on a limb having harmony (5)
- 22 Believing first team has sport injury (8)
- 24 Tip on lack of sleep (3,3)
- 27 Left warrant in study (5)
- 28 Wags loth to be upset with a cashmere producer (5,4)
- 29 Criminal repeatedly employing erroneous defence leads to conviction (5)
- 30 Stopped drinking broth containing unusual breed (7,2)

DOWN

- 1 Remains at scene of accident (8)
- 2 Find time to wander (5)
- 3 Improves sweetheart, husbands and boyfriends (9)
- 4 Murdoch maybe used to control pupil (4)
- 5 Uncomprehending of what teddy bears used to be (6-4)
- 6 Create an opening (5)
- 7 Bog plant for nearly-new arrangement (5,4)
- 8 Protection provided by serious heat haze (6)
- 13 High bridge features country name surrounded by flowers (5,5)
- 15 Protect rear end from nasty ulceration (9)
- 17 Steamy novel? (3,6)
- 18 Congratulations! Singer lifts stomach and area above face (5,3)
- 21 Type of rabbit Alice hides (6)
- 23 Adjusted a lot of dentures (5)
- 25 Poet eats duck egg (5)
- 26 Habit of soaring crow (4)