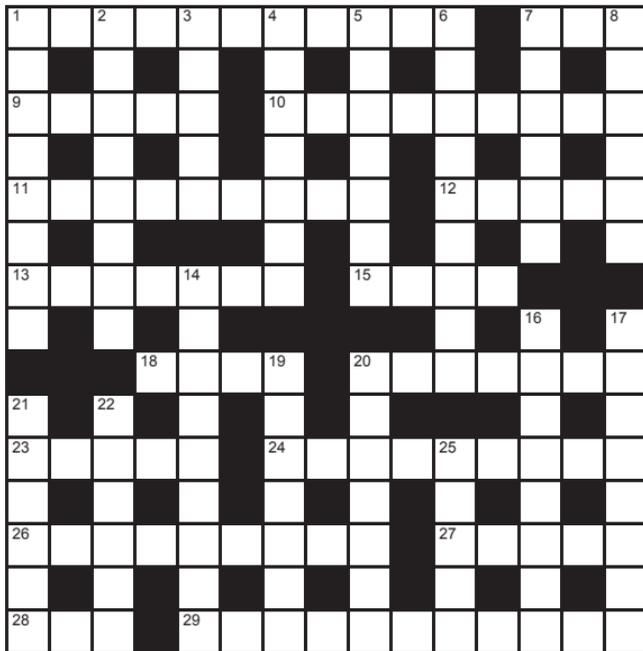


CROSSWORD

No. 16,219 Set by CRUX



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Bird, dog or butterfly (11)
- 7 What's wrong with skiing regularly? (3)
- 9 A way in sought by jewel thief? (5)
- 10 Most important couple spliced at sea (9)
- 11 Doctor points signs out in Russian and French for example. (9)
- 12 Large river beast needs energy for love (5)
- 13 21, lazy, heartless and materialistic (7)
- 15 Fish fingers start to go missing (4)
- 18 Some fall back into an ambush (4)
- 20 Kitty Nolan's 16, said to be really hot (7)
- 23 Put in water pipes exactly (5)
- 24 It's rare, it mutates, then itches (9)
- 26 Rule from Strasbourg? (9)
- 27 A council district grant (5)
- 28 You have to finish in seven days, or ten, definitely (3)
- 29 Highly placed asset of the CIA? (3,2,3,3)

DOWN

- 1 She's entertaining and gets one mixed drinks (8)
- 2 Rewrites are a must for these dabblers (8)
- 3 Yorkshire city heads speak out (5)
- 4 Female warrant officer, strong and steadfast (7)
- 5 A paper is in dispute (2,5)
- 6 A party going on half July in a big way (9)
- 7 Assist in motion, or its opposite (6)
- 8 Massaged for an audience as required (6)
- 14 Tough players on the team's books (9)
- 16 Familiar paper often referred to by them (8)
- 17 Hardly a Lenten celebration (5,3)
- 19 School colours like red and blue (7)
- 20 Such British comedies make a fuss (5-2)
- 21 Field the ball (6)
- 22 Rotten place – yet free! (6)
- 25 Dreadful cheat, this pirate (5)