

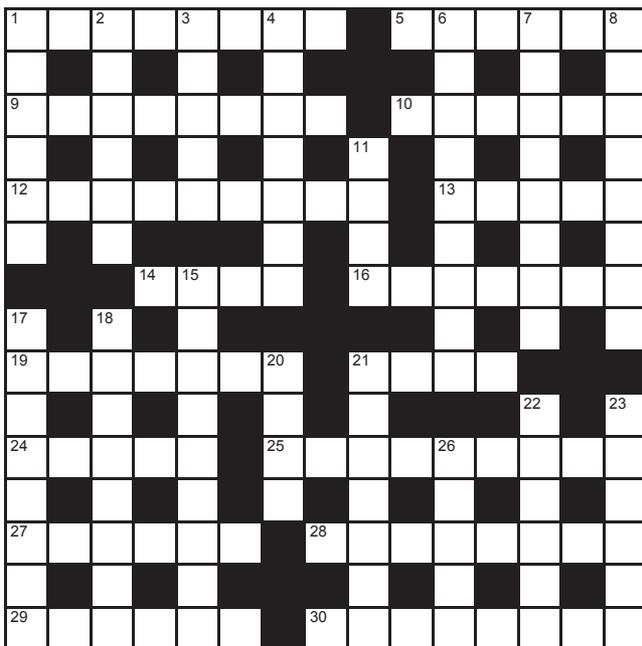
Crossword 16,401 Set by Goliath

ACROSS

- 1, 5, 8** Mix for stern-sounding salad dish? (8,6,8)
9 On the way to Ryde, being cheeky (8)
10 Back within tree, go evergreen (6)
12 See 29
13 Eases relatives (5)
14 Jack of hearts never leads flush here (4)
16 Second and third of January, following endless card game and video game (7)
19 Cheese eaten by female angel (7)
21 Degree at last, for weak grade (4)
24 Dad standing by informal agreement to foot the bill (3,2)
25 Perhaps street walking laws ignored in this town (9)
27 See 21 down
28 Quiet ones eat mushrooms (8)
29, 12 Possible statement by 21 down, 21 across, 20 and 14 (3,3,9)
30 Pens containing tiny bits of candy (8)

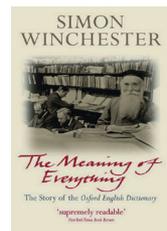
DOWN

- 1** Needing water, not Howards End, for the previous clue (6)
2 Preoccupy managers by switching leaders (6)
3 Vicious Alsatian's dance (5)
4 Grandmother avid for fabric (7)
6 See 20
7 Independence from you? Not amused! (8)
8 See 1 across
11 Raise cats and dogs' pace (4)
15 Emulsion paint originally spattered without thinking (2,7)
17 Urge factory to make a vegetable (8)
18 A pop singer's love replaced by a pause (8)
20, 6 Film hero's stroke of luck, missing start by broadcaster, one who rambles (4,9)
21, 27 Man told off for capturing the war poet (7,6)
22 One rule: Goliath would upset festival (6)
23 Advance spin off monster (6)
26 Banish from previously French island (5)



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Solution 16,389



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