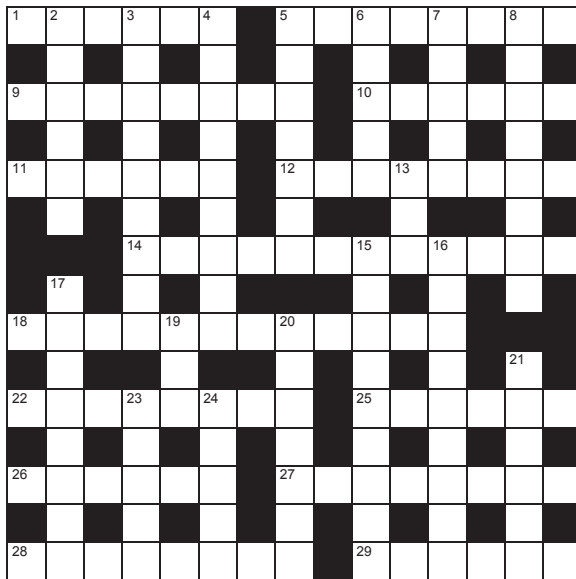


CROSSWORD

No. 16,403 Set by FALCON



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 County affair run by exclusive group (6)
- 5 Man on river, a Boar's Head regular (8)
- 9 Woman, one with clubs in Italian city (8)
- 10 A northern artist capturing shot rabbit (6)
- 11 Some aren't always for hire (6)
- 12 Working with popular group, leader having left (2,6)
- 14 Great scribe wrong about date in Hardy's Dorchester (12)
- 18 Meagre rations: not long before general confronts head of supplies (5,7)
- 22 At home, after round, gets news update (8)
- 25 Trick male in bumper car (6)
- 26 Character in ballet and poem, teetotal European (6)
- 27 Female friend flipped sailor's pancake (8)
- 28 Offer of support also sent out (8)
- 29 Pill taken primarily on board (6)

DOWN

- 2 Key cricketer, first to bat (6)
- 3 Contest evidence of accident in fast vehicle (6,3)
- 4 Liqueur got from the French city after tour (6,3)
- 5 Record includes piece of jazz music, light (7)

- 6 Monk astride large beast of burden (5)
- 7 Close firm (5)
- 8 Leave hard-water deposit on Irish lake (8)
- 13 My county, not Kerry originally (3)
- 15 Transmit from spacious shed (9)
- 16 Crime committed with collusion of jailed piece of work (6,3)
- 17 Bear ought to, I hesitate to say (8)
- 19 Something to wear for sleeper (3)
- 20 Aware of object, almost packed (7)
- 21 Secure unstable salvage (6)
- 23 Stop grant at college (3,2)
- 24 Strain, failing to open lock (5)

Solution 16,402

