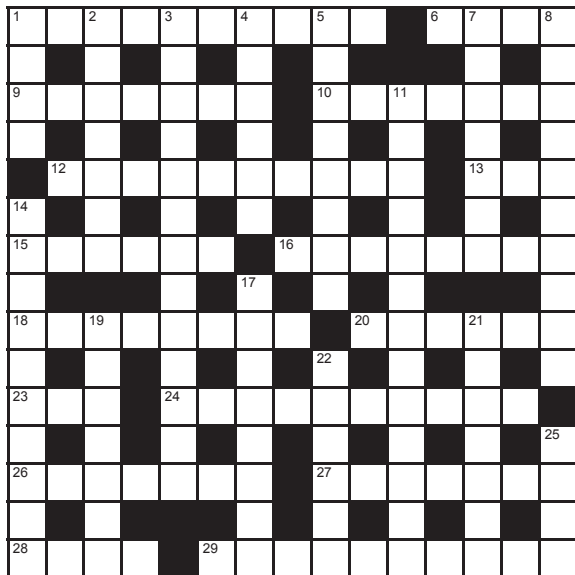


CROSSWORD

No. 15,999 Set by CHALMIE



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 City game doesn't end during season (10)
- 6 Boy carries last of the metal (4)
- 9 A Republican opponent's appearance (7)
- 10 Play about vaguely lost writer (7)
- 12 Prison volunteers and staff back, covered in bird mess (10)
- 13 Show disapproval of unfinished literary work (3)
- 15 Inspiration for engineers in order (6)
- 16 People packing street endure cycling (8)
- 18 Eastern church has running water outside fence (8)
- 20 Arguments observed in live feed (6)
- 23 Compete against Italy and Spain (3)
- 24 Government again hires plums (10)
- 26 Country song about people (7)
- 27 Car nonsense rejected by one checking accounts (7)
- 28 Finishes features of cricket grounds (4)
- 29 Writer is backing poor Norse oldsters (10)

DOWN

- 1 Pardon weak bowler? (4)
- 2 Somehow turn over flower to care for (7)

- 3 Keep clear diary in birthday suit (4,7,2)
- 4 Ruler in hospital last month (6)
- 5 Pulls out as minor players surround court (8)
- 7 Food can be defeated – take the top off (7)
- 8 Nuts like this are new – do try, dears! (3-7)
- 11 Anticipate facilities at Ford work poorly (4,7,2)
- 14 Make shorter queen bees get up to fly around (10)
- 17 Calm about Bill's song (8)
- 19 Welsh politician's central beliefs include getting smashed (7)
- 21 Fight with the French after nap (7)
- 22 Tells teacher energy level's rising among moccasins? (6)
- 25 Hands out weapons when there's room inside (4)

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