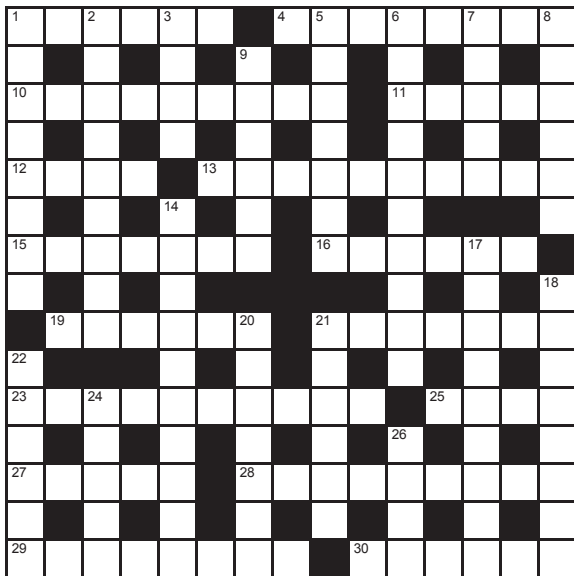


# CROSSWORD

No. 16,053 Set by ARMONIE



**JOTTER PAD**

## ACROSS

- 1 Cynical about operations for illness (6)
- 4 Combination lock on bicycle (8)
- 10 Meet Nell, a reformed primitive (9)
- 11 Staple diet for rhino (5)
- 12 Fate keeps old Bob at sea (4)
- 13 Having complaints about the place irritates (10)
- 15 Novel hero – one with vehicle to cultivate the earth (7)
- 16 Clasp and fondle naughtily (6)
- 19 River perpetually split partners (6)
- 21 More manageable boat (7)
- 23 Obvious successor holds a broadcast (4,3,3)
- 25 Keen little prince (4)
- 27 Detective has a drink to start eating (3,2)
- 28 The French remove clothing that's cleaner (9)
- 29 Heaven is represented in pageant (8)
- 30 Ridicule setter ultimately for puzzle (6)

## DOWN

- 1 I pleaded insanity – that's carefully worked out (8)
- 2 Exaggerate deliveries to gallery (9)
- 3 Stop and shoot (4)
- 5 Unexpected deterioration makes Romeo slip away (7)
- 6 Deception begs future involvement (10)
- 7 Wish happiness to queen protecting liberal (5)
- 8 Vegetable recipe's a beauty (6)
- 9 A band's outing in Kent (6)
- 14 Yarn about Lawrence having opponents browbeaten (10)
- 17 Grace ignited man's cape (9)
- 18 Advocate in favour of model (8)
- 20 Require the French to produce sewers (7)
- 21 Injured student has help at university (4,2)
- 22 Survive a robbery (4,2)
- 24 The Apostles' writer is of regal disposition (5)
- 26 Waste one's time in insipid lethargy (4)