CROSSWORD
No. 15,587 Set by GOZO

All the across solutions are thematic and most of their clues lack thematic definition

ACROSS
1 Independent's caught during recess (6)
4 Loud porter holding flag (4,4)
9 Morning in the sticks, for starters (6)
10 About to marry anew (8)
12 Man's surroundings (5,3)
13 Woman in tree (6)
15 Extract from the County News (4)
16 Supporting links (7)
20 Sporting body backing marquees (7)
21 Could be Dover – or not! (4)
25 Primary element – brown earth (6)
26 Jews out west admitting identity (8)
28 Left! Left as well! (8)
29 Very good hosting one family (6)
30 Lumpy, hot concoction (8)
31 Poor quality verses the Spanish lacked (6)

DOWN
1 Poor obstetrician with cars abandoned – crunch! (4,4)
2 HQs of TV channels – 17 is one (8)
3 Letters left in poor shape (6)
5 Dover-Calais' back-up port (4)
6 Principal in rush didn’t move (8)
7 Breaking hearts in the department (6)
8 See painting about beetles' forewings (6)
11 Rises up, upsetting canonised paramour (7)
14 Said a word or two – indistinctly, but not for starters (7)
17 Crushing defeat later, perhaps, in court (8)
18 Gently cooking apple or fish stuffed with bit of dill (8)
19 Communication that’s right for composer of Les Deux Pigeons (8)
22 Small tailless Chinese dog, apparently, cut to pieces (4,2)
23 Ingratiating school-mistress in borders of Surrey (6)
24 Role of some actors in Othello (6)
27 Naval rating’s bird (4)

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JOTTER PAD