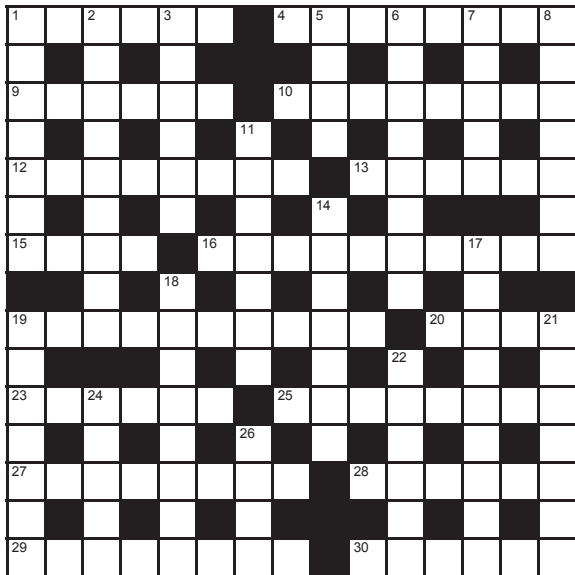


CROSSWORD

No. 15,499 Set by AARDVARK



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Repeatedly nick steps (6)
- 4 Old pile passed on and acquired easily (2,1,5)
- 9 Vehicle in space requiring one-off permit around Italian river (6)
- 10 Con small person to get in drink (6,2)
- 12 Shaving, brother heard rodent (8)
- 13 Musician's slowly procuring a building alongside house? (4-2)
- 15 Some commuter hurried around industrial region (4)
- 16 East Sussex resident maybe caught aquatic transport – and another type (10)
- 19 Perhaps wedding ring found somewhere in California (10)
- 20 Competent learner sitting in Lincoln (4)
- 23 Pump up a cycle – flat tyre, at rear (6)
- 25 Surely deviating from the correct route, one fellow's lost (2,6)
- 27 Hound extremist during work in US (8)
- 28 Tie problem for the head after schoolkids protest in principle (6)
- 29 Wild beast occupies land? Refuse to go here (5,3)
- 30 Creative work to maintain animal home's impassioned (6)

DOWN

- 1 Old poet's writing, say, after seeing two churches lined with gold (7)
- 2 Period at sea once, with books welcome on board (9)
- 3 After father picked up, see doctor's self-confidence (6)
- 5 Final Tyneside races (4)

- 6 In The Crown, it's nice playing game on one's own (8)
- 7 Very pale, like woman at pre-nuptial event (5)
- 8 Take advantage of policeman when losing daughter in "way out" (7)
- 11 Rising reserve wins corner in game (7)
- 14 Drive back and act like an aristocrat (4,3)
- 17 Vegetable outstanding soldier keeps in pannier regularly (9)
- 18 Vehicle with A-reg vacated in the ancient city (8)
- 19 Bird rolls about in mud perhaps, tail first (7)
- 21 The day before holiday peak (7)
- 22 Bobby, I'm surprised, embraces social science course (6)
- 24 Puzzle found on public transport (5)
- 26 Anyone raging repeatedly inside needs this spiritualist? (4)

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