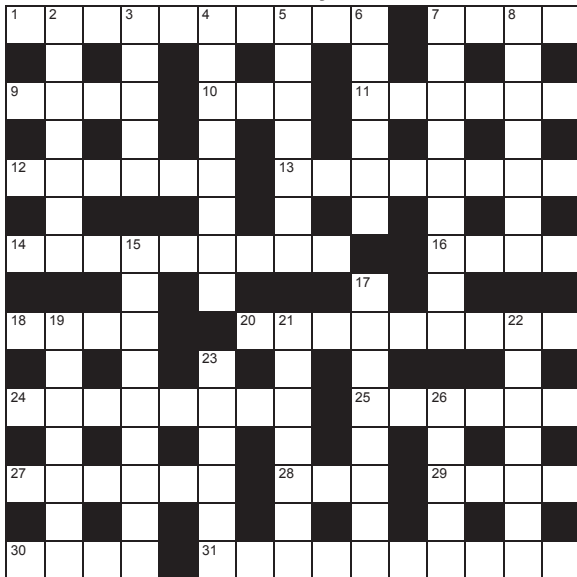


# CROSSWORD

No. 14,132 Set by HAMILTON



## JOTTER PAD

**A 50th anniversary puzzle in which some clues associated with 24 are not fully defined**

### ACROSS

- 1 Almost number one but terribly late getting in (3,7)
- 7 Barrier that dacha has outside? No, the opposite! (2-2)
- 9 Psychologist's first night in gaol (4)
- 10 One in the palace is somewhat overexcited (3)
- 11 Rich stuff contains the end of trifle and sherry dregs (6)
- 12 First to get right in (6)
- 13 Respectable boys taken off faulty bouncy castle (5-3)
- 14 Boot has lost weight and is in good shape (9)
- 16 Pen from the Catholic Times (4)
- 18 Hastened to gym in South Dakota (4)
- 20 Soldiers in pursuit of their target (9)
- 24 Emotion on demo translated on to first disc (4,2,2)
- 25 Essex Conservative predisposed to debauchery (6)
- 27 Warning to sailors (6)
- 28 International language heard at a wedding? (3)
- 29 A graduate retired (4)
- 30 Overcome erstwhile drummer (4)
- 31 Imploring Argentine to take time out (10)

### DOWN

- 2 Transport for US girl getting a lift when heartless Tory minister's around (7)

- 3 Biblical father (5)
- 4 Scottish island attracts maybe one in 8 or 12 to 1 (8)
- 5 Say Collins' boy is to keep the side company (7)
- 6 Up river, taking credit for the mystery (6)
- 7 Pursuit of handy cure therapy (3,3,3)
- 8 Amateur has food brought up (7)
- 15 Occupied position provides shelter for half the army unit (9)
- 17 Promiscuity is for the unattached, darling! (4,4)
- 19 Blasphemous teacher shortly faces a new preliminary enquiry (7)
- 21 More romantic? It's up to you to determine! (7)
- 22 Record I sent was scratched (7)
- 23 Intend to fire alternate characters, being a nasty type (6)
- 26 Check this talent, as 24 became the first of many to . . . (5)

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