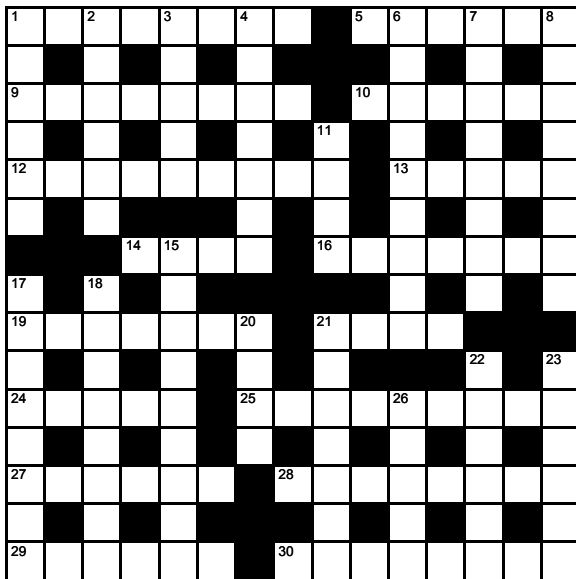


CROSSWORD

No. 13,756 Set by AARDVARK



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Author's regularly choosing macabre volume in secrecy (8)
- 5 Slate flooring (6)
- 9 Blood left to permeate dress – it's a tragedy (4,4)
- 10 Ill-planned sprawling manor houses deserted (6)
- 12 Curse brown bananas, past peak – all should be returned (9)
- 13 Listener admits limits to learning composer (5)
- 14 Women look here for dairy product (4)
- 16 Cocktail measure knocked back – family drinks gallons (4,3)
- 19 Satisfied following fruit drop (7)
- 21 Crouch End approached by secondary road (4)
- 24 All the best gold coats fade (5)
- 25 Novel cooking pot – one full of porky pies? (5,4)
- 27 Border gang seen in unoccupied France (6)
- 28 Gourmet food making doctor run out – incontinent? (8)
- 29 Exhaust from limousine attracts German and Yankee (3,3)
- 30 George, in seat shivering, put on something woolly here in English resort (8)

DOWN

- 1 Martial art one child displayed in centre of Laos (6)
- 2 Change title of poem – an error's shown up (6)
- 3 Mitt briefly lifted by a runner abroad (5)

- 4 Delia, broadcasting, goes through lines in a willing manner (7)
- 6 Legendary hero daring male to punch soon (9)
- 7 Education department boosted in the past government year (8)
- 8 English flower at home beginning to develop exotic fruit (8)
- 11 Poles switched annual break (4)
- 15 Fast food? One says "ja" (9)
- 17 Represent Sweden, top class, losing mile (8)
- 18 Greek character extracting one pound from an Italian – fiddler perhaps (8)
- 20 Brassy thing having bath alfresco, principally (4)
- 21 Dodgy Malibu receives one complaint (7)
- 22 Fire station not right for party (6)
- 23 Toilet occupied a long time going over cryptic (6)
- 26 Agreed to accept voting system here in northern Europe (5)

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