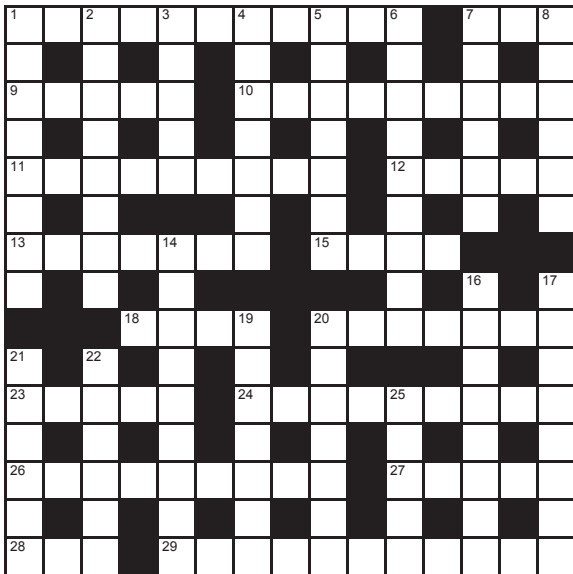


# CROSSWORD

No. 13,881 Set by ARMONIE



**JOTTER PAD**

## ACROSS

- 1 Confine temper when the game is safe (5,6)
- 7 Gently wipe fish (3)
- 9 Illuminated note in volume (5)
- 10 Troop keeps absorbent material for gun (9)
- 11 Novice splits Polish metal plate (5,4)
- 12 Weaken after losing pounds in Germany (5)
- 13 A network under discussion (2,5)
- 15 Stern parent (4)
- 18 Animal runs after snake (4)
- 20 Charlie gets poorer daily (7)
- 23 First-class match nearby (5)
- 24 Supply lock for siren (9)
- 26 Hurled bag out of festival site (9)
- 27 It is consumed by bronze colossus (5)
- 28 Supplies some skittles (3)
- 29 Blossom makes church official initially feel let down (11)

## DOWN

- 1 Huge deficit in fuel (8)
- 2 Antihero disrupted broadcasting (2,3,3)

- 3 Ethiopian leader opening tournament (5)
- 4 Ref once failed to put into effect (7)
- 5 Evildoer gets around quiet cricketer (7)
- 6 Men dare to change in cathedral (5,4)
- 7 Cynical about operations for illness (6)
- 8 Ridin' on island in the Pacific (6)
- 14 Go away with list that can be bagged (9)
- 16 Nut rowed out into awkward current (8)
- 17 Nosy parker adopts child of convict (8)
- 19 Left embarrassed about exhaust (7)
- 20 Insect repellent affected some horses (7)
- 21 Mother's request for fabric (6)
- 22 Wait for veteran to strike out (4,2)
- 25 Shot a sovereign? That's undisputed! (5)

**Solution to Saturday's prize puzzle on Saturday December 31**  
**Solution to yesterday's prize puzzle on Tuesday January 3**  
**Crossword winners' names will be printed in Weekend FT**