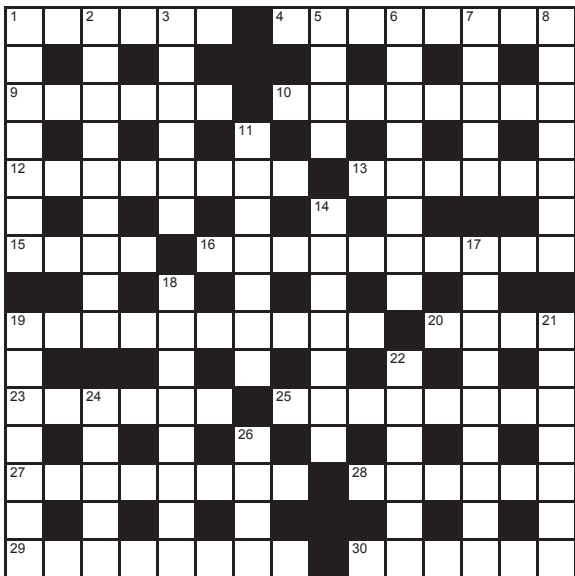


CROSSWORD

No. 14,273 Set by GOZO



JOTTER PAD

The across solutions are thematic and all their clues lack thematic definition

ACROSS

- 1 Almost pest-free flowers (6)
- 4 Sheets of stamps cover spot (8)
- 9 Sapper with singular footballer? (6)
- 10 Edited article about leading newshound (8)
- 12 Very big girl inside (8)
- 13 Collection of computer data about director and daughter (6)
- 15 Luxuriate outside (4)
- 16 Cancelled broadcast by island river, we're told (10)
- 19 Sing a carol, drunk (3,7)
- 20 Tailless eagle or tailless mammal – positive! (4)
- 23 Attending a dance show. Not half (6)
- 25 Altering shape? (8)
- 27 Could merit change, not having to (8)
- 28 Small computer with side exchanged (6)
- 29 Moaned audibly – doctor shows hesitation (4,4)
- 30 Villa's top – before 10-0 reverse (6)

DOWN

- 1 Flier on counter, currently on end of till (4,3)
- 2 Rock-salt under messy black argil (9)
- 3 Mathematician edited clue – 1D (6)
- 5 Odd parts missing from Maxwell's tools (4)

- 6 Just a bit – a bit – fancy slice topped (8)
- 7 Tree on edge of dunes wasted away (5)
- 8 Drunkard present – and that's the way it is (2,5)
- 11 Just a little perch? No! (7)
- 14 Holiday destination where I arrive seedy (7)
- 17 First address during month on range (9)
- 18 It's all the same to ruin Dave horribly (8)
- 19 Handelian anthems and timeless melody at parties (7)
- 21 Open secret EEC abandoned rebuilding city in Lancashire (7)
- 22 It's a snag, I'm sad to say, upset (6)
- 24 TV cook got up, unwell (5)
- 26 Dapper fellow from the East End, reportedly (4)

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