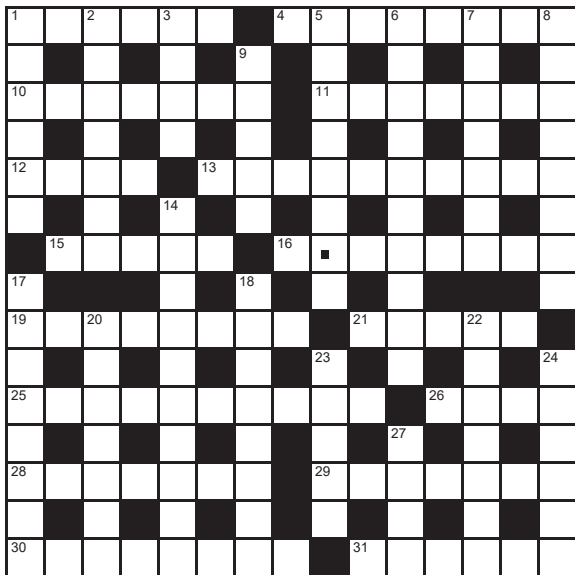


CROSSWORD

No. 16,536 Set by REDSHANK



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Copper checks over practice (6)
- 4 Careless errors by head office department (8)
- 10 Trouble during strike for serving officer (7)
- 11 Figure 12 captivates Harry (7)
- 12 Flashy student with Open University departs (4)
- 13 Lanky Jane's not finished with former French diplomat (10)
- 15 Drug rush (5)
- 16 A foreign VP once hosted Democrat spontaneously (8)
- 19 First of ripostes with sword involving skill and wit (8)
- 21 Young reporter blocking South Africa tanks (5)
- 25 Guarantee European picked up Jack for one (6,4)
- 26 Tommy and his mates caught a big fish (4)
- 28 Needle Republican in hot water (7)
- 29 Switzerland demolished a top-class castle (7)
- 30 Crime writer Josephine pens *Award for Audacity* (8)
- 31 Serving party by returning vote (6)

DOWN

- 1 Cold old Latvian perhaps in his element (6)
- 2 Alpine event 6 covering half of June (3,4)
- 3 Old poet's current disease beginning to disappear (4)

- 5 Reformulated all-in-one lotion (8)
- 6 Behave like Scrooge with 2p in church (5-5)
- 7 She's writer, looking run down (7)
- 8 Battle at the Belfry? (4-4)
- 9 Old king left rubbish (5)
- 14 Gullible type nicks English queen's material (10)
- 17 Weirdo takes one drug after another (8)
- 18 Leaves box made of pine wrapped in paper (3,5)
- 20 Superior music company cuts drink under pressure (7)
- 22 Jerk lifts this, omitting source of 8 (7)
- 23 Note goes round old police: "Ceasefire!" (5)
- 24 Outbid doctor holding unlimited cash (6)
- 27 Ring service about port (4)

Solution 16,535

