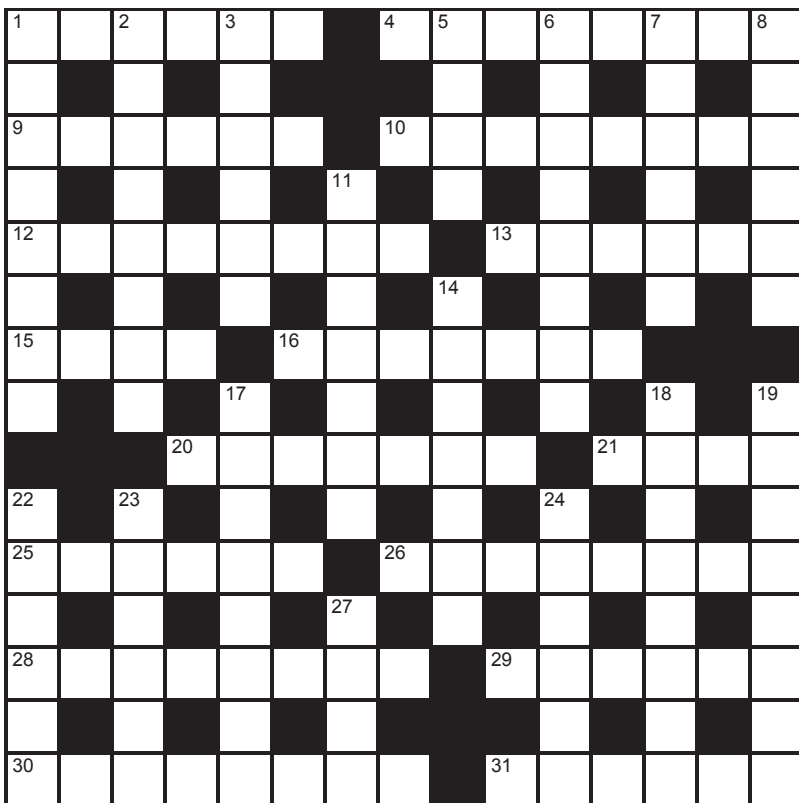


CROSSWORD

No 16,569 Set by VELIA



ACROSS

- 1, 4** Getting on potty/loo tonight then? (4,2,3,5)
9 Abuse when Velia stops work (6)
10 Bacon sizzling here etc, cooked with thanks (8)
12 Work to banish the devil, as they say (8)
13 Somewhat austere outfit for speaker? (6)
15, 5 Cost accidentally picked up? That's not right! (8)
16 Mash representatives? (7)
20 Denounced, rejected and free (7)
21, 27 Dismiss bears (4-4)
25 Port bottles the ultimate in vintage – bliss! (6)
26 Friend a right nuisance in this city (8)
28 Kitty gulps medicine back and gets a sweet (8)
29 Wings of saprophytic horse beetle (6)
30, 31 Wretched habit I developed for say, cheese (5,3,6)

DOWN

- 1, 22** Perhaps a “whole-fat pudding” is the precise legal definition (6,2,3,3)
2 Finally open to offer: seed for Scandinavians (8)
3 Bring on half of industry, then change sides (6)
5 See 15
6 Top of tatty, torn curtain becomes detached (8)
7 Riverside residents on the Thames estuary, rock stars originally (6)
8, 19 What's up with the FT? Needs a revamp into a viable prominent position (4,2,3,5)
11 Introduce Kathmandu's last shrine restoration (5,2)
14 Rebel questionably dropped Latin from eulogy (7)
17 May be tuna sandwiches always hot (8)
18 Decrepit Italian head of state, once a socialist (3-5)
19 See 8
22 See 1 down
23 Romeo and Juliet possibly speculate about everyone (6)
24 Martial art found in 50% of Taiwan and large part of China (3,3)
27 See 21

JOTTER PAD