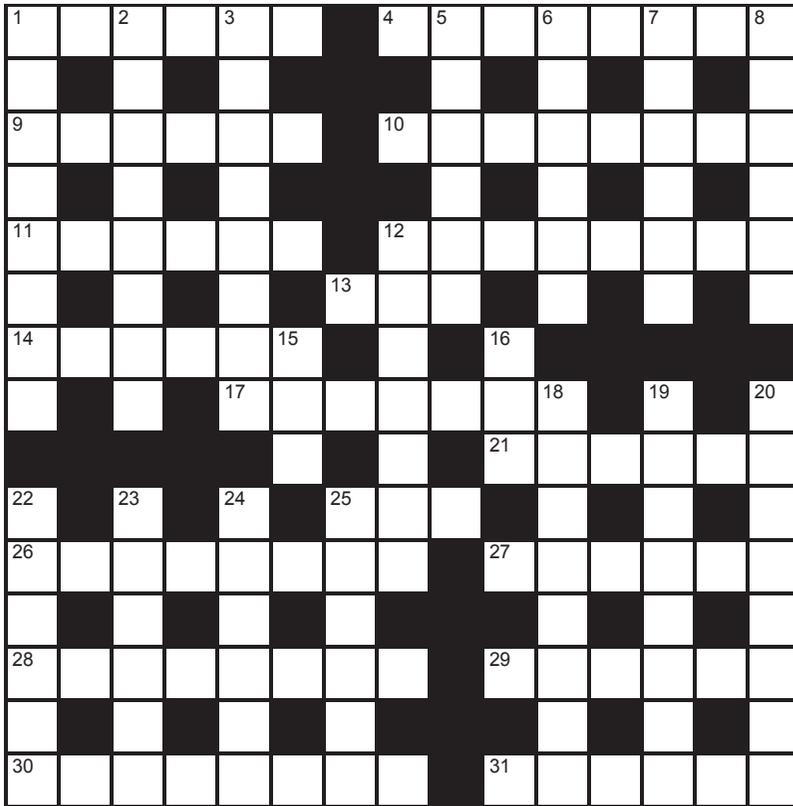


# CROSSWORD

No 16,613 Set by AARDVARK



## ACROSS

- 1** Perhaps cricket clubs attracted by class on batting (6)
- 4** Following drink, seaman's given biscuit (8)
- 9** Court game is declined by mum and learners in brief storm (6)
- 10** Mountain soldier describes mist briefly in North Africa (8)
- 11** Gerard regularly comes in to cut field (6)
- 12** Part of poem written in vulgar language (8)
- 13** One tweets the tenth character (3)
- 14** Using teeth, damage drinking vessel – shape is retained within (4,2)
- 17** I accept that Euro when abroad in distant environment (5,2)
- 21** Trim drinking promotion display (6)
- 25** Something for the head chef? Some shiraz, at the end (3)
- 26** Bird outside remains comparatively loud (8)
- 27** Face appearing to droop during fight (6)
- 28** Rigorous one performing oppressive demand (8)
- 29** Native American's certainly not consuming coffee – it's rejected (6)
- 30** Sat perhaps alongside Bill, entertaining Roger and Dawn (8)
- 31** One across road accommodating European worker (3,3)

## DOWN

- 1** Greek character in chinos juggling to such an extent (8)
- 2** Ask queen shortly to mingle – Duke's informed (8)
- 3** Senior officer half-concealed load on wharf without a conversation (8)
- 5** Discussed meadow and footpath margin (6)
- 6** Usually Italians are here every year collecting fruit (6)
- 7** Ornamental shrub unknown porter maybe carried through two acres (6)
- 8** Emperor's spirit lives on in retirement (6)
- 12** What faces British topless steeplechaser? (7)
- 15** Disease coming from foreign river? Wrong (3)
- 16** Cleaner's way of working quietly (3)
- 18** Sail raised, Russian man approached channel (8)
- 19** Old prince somewhat open with an amateur actor getting all upset (8)
- 20** Iron velvety material right away in rented property (5,3)
- 22** Tread on someone's toes leaving terminus (6)
- 23** Two unknowns supporting sporting occasion's collection of stars (6)
- 24** Public speaker once from the Magic Circle breaking rules (6)
- 25** Bones those people commonly found in ancient marketplaces (6)

## JOTTER PAD

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