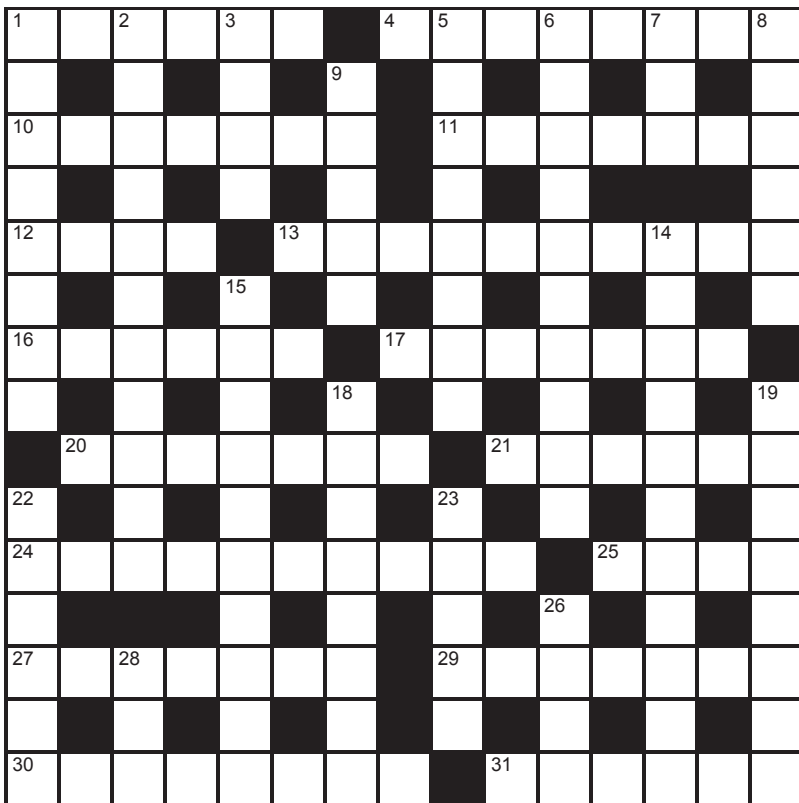


# CROSSWORD

No 16,886 Set by ALBERICH



## ACROSS

- 1 Lad on estate perhaps shows bottle (6)
- 4 Sick boss swallows remedy and hides (8)
- 10 Host is firm – Nancy's mum must keep quiet (7)
- 11 For instance blocks roads going to the West Country (7)
- 12 Head back with a member of school? (4)
- 13 Oscar replaces article in flat for one westerner (10)
- 16 Popular favourites around part of Wellington? (6)
- 17 So to speak, take the shine off pleasure? (7)
- 20 Staunch Democrat candidate finally elected (7)
- 21 Hound's tooth (6)
- 24 Where Scrabble players find characters having a lively night out? (2,3,5)
- 25 Predict some heated objections when making U-tun (4)
- 27 On vacation, Vince is trapped by a storm? Typical (7)
- 29 Over the phone, local authority offers advice (7)
- 30 A surprisingly decent love story (8)
- 31 Penny meets film actor (6)

## DOWN

- 1 Male turned up drunk, carrying a screwdriver? (8)
- 2 With modern clothing, short skirt's suggestive (11)
- 3 Warning: women only! (4)
- 5 Dog is brought round in basket (8)
- 6 Complete idiot, boring clot (10)
- 7 Regularly trying to find doctor (3)
- 8 Thus see nurses left alone (6)
- 9 Scrub up from sauce boat (5)
- 14 Free kick, a shot securing victory with unknown scorer (11)
- 15 Ben heard of riots in advance (10)
- 18 Part of Temple Bar I'm missing (8)
- 19 Ring merchant, maybe to ridicule keeping healthy (8)
- 22 Change Aston Villa's final composition (6)
- 23 Get female to eat out (5)
- 26 Part of ship's outer covering (4)
- 28 A looker? Yes, we're told (3)

## JOTTER PAD

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