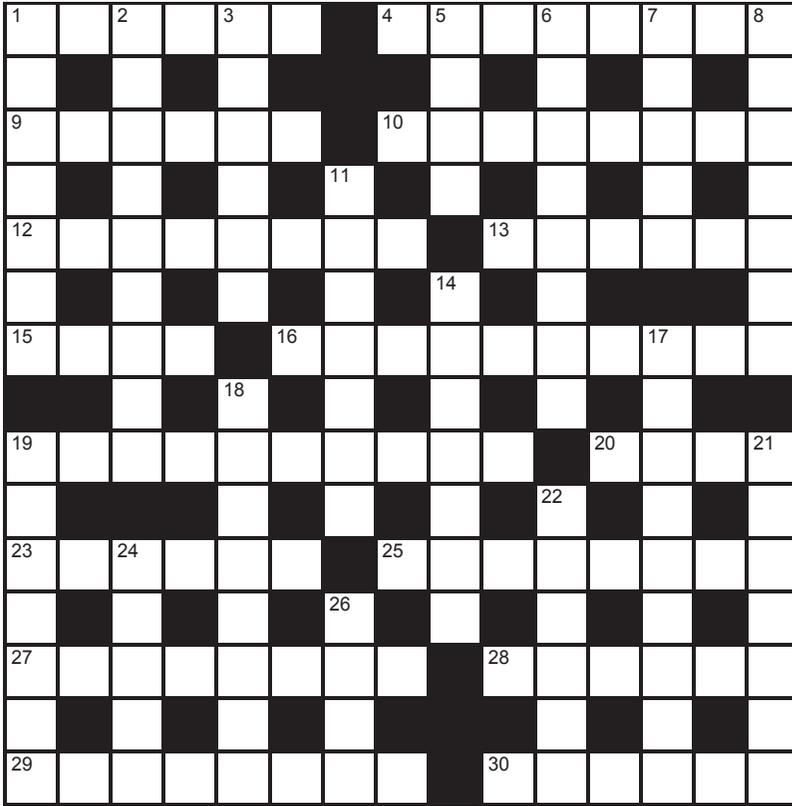


CROSSWORD

No 16,891 Set by GOZO



The across clues lead to thematic solutions which lack any thematic definition.

ACROSS

- 1 Canyon subject to pollution (6)
- 4 A grind for competitors (8)
- 9 Fruity pastries returned before end of lunch (6)
- 10 Tom – artist in performance (8)
- 12 Small hooter in square (8)
- 13 Leave course, disheartened (6)
- 15 Light Programme doctor who was diarised during red alert (4)
- 16 Stormy shore scene (10)
- 19 Poor farmer in job (10)
- 20 After end of spring, illness returns (4)
- 23 No goal, sadly (6)
- 25 Iron Maiden, on leaving, running riot (8)
- 27 Base of flower? (5,3)
- 28 “Now you see it! Now you don’t!” (6)
- 29 Nudes prancing around joiner (4,4)
- 30 Hinder – but not everything (6)

DOWN

- 1 Sailor left, freed of notion that’s wrong and obsolete (7)
- 2 Could be a boa for four pounds, Carl designed (3,6)
- 3 Tell it wrong. It’s not important (6)
- 5 One leads in mosque, aiding Muslims (4)
- 6 Applied pressure and depended upon (6,2)
- 7 Old saying from the present day era! (5)
- 8 Give right putting printer’s mark on header (7)
- 11 Confines to bed (7)
- 14 Chinatown (7)
- 17 Explain and edit a clue cryptically (9)
- 18 Worked a double shift. That’s about right (8)
- 19 Back in French capital, behold a star! (7)
- 21 Most loving female doesn’t change (7)
- 22 In which there is commotion about one kick. Not half! (6)
- 24 It’s known info about classical quartet! (5)
- 26 College official – idle, vain, regularly absent (4)

JOTTER PAD

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