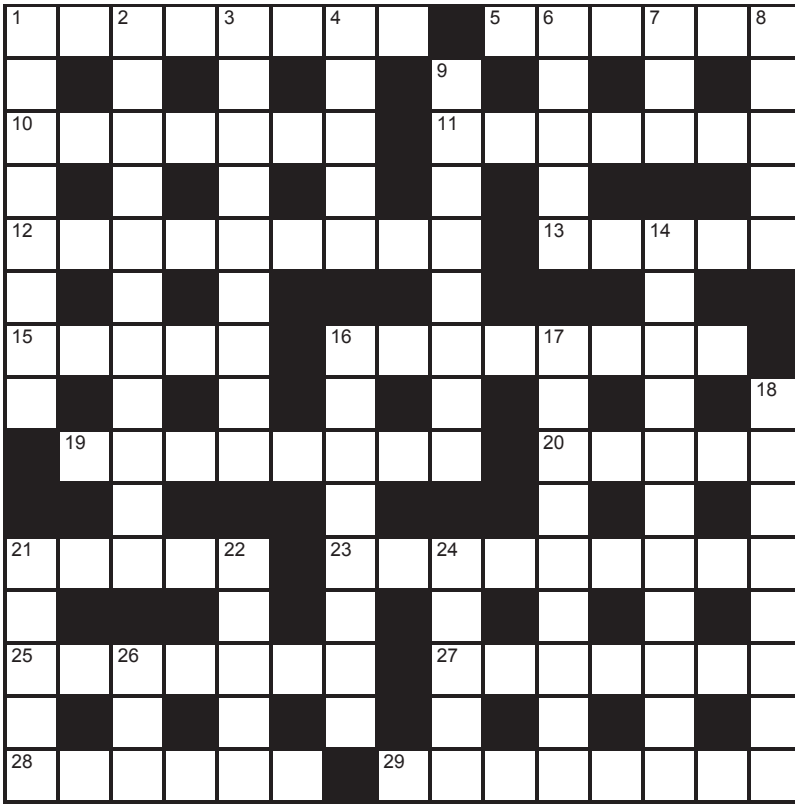


# CROSSWORD

No 16,989 Set by BASILISK



## ACROSS

- 1 Chief police officer connected with sex cases (8)
- 5 Less sensitive issue (6)
- 10 Apricot tart contains dairy (7)
- 11 Primate with time for priest's wild vision (7)
- 12 Can region spread enlightenment? Absolutely not! (9)
- 13 Minute appearance of actor on stage (5)
- 15 Harsh electronic form of music (5)
- 16 Layabout hit sentry out of uniform (8)
- 19 Family group has assistance withdrawn before vitriolic attack (8)
- 20 Sit on horse led by British groom's mate (5)
- 21 Ancient philosopher connecting prophecy with Nicodemus (5)
- 23 *JFK* or *Nixon* could be seen as a product of the Masons? (9)
- 25 Little-known remedy for patient being deprived of lead? (7)
- 27 Number one trend turned into issue (7)
- 28 Think about inspiring good man (6)
- 29 Single male part transposed by composer (8)

## DOWN

- 1 Conservative replaces leader of union in Hackney? (8)
- 2 Restore electron emitted by mysterious charged particle (11)
- 3 Cross about Bury firm's clothing (9)
- 4 Con cleaning out good person once more (5)
- 6 Make one and one equal to begin with (5)
- 7 Farewell aside to the audience (3)
- 8 Prepare to discover the meaning of unknown quantity (5)
- 9 Broadcaster's dropped Christmas programme (8)
- 14 Rioter burst into hearing related to land (11)
- 16 Bridge partnership stops priest playing Old Maid (8)
- 17 Send up husband and father beginning to believe extravagant nonsense (9)
- 18 Believe head of state's a tool of the Treasury? (8)
- 21 Notice club's top rugby player (5)
- 22 Press put down object of affection (5)
- 24 Upset about parking in middle of road works (5)
- 26 Go downhill rapidly and almost miss out (3)

## JOTTER PAD

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