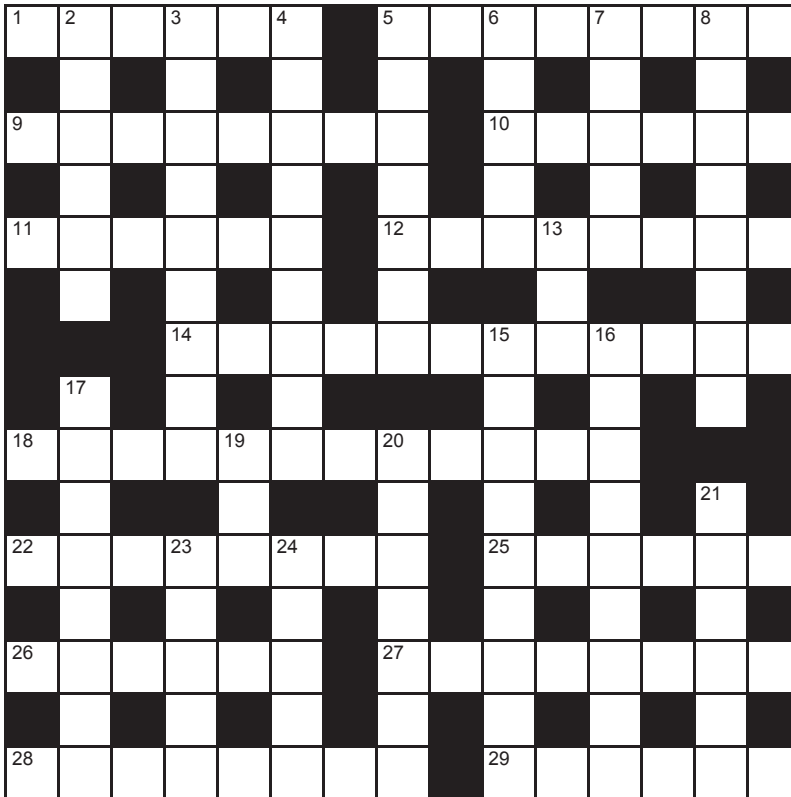


# CROSSWORD

No 16,994 Set by FALCON



## ACROSS

- 1 See 5  
 5, 1 Nun awkwardly embracing knight and duke in busy tree-lined Berlin thoroughfare (5,3,6)  
 9 Left on account of ground snake (8)  
 10 Mean to ring poorly supporter (6)  
 11 Responsible for running late (6)  
 12 Hold back remainder ahead of wet weather (8)  
 14 Show's supervisor and a celebrity returning in shock (5,7)  
 18 Water flows freely, swamping evacuated Torquay hotel – Basil's place? (6,6)  
 22 Leave shortly, heading for India on holiday (8)  
 25 A farmer finally fit, fit for ploughing (6)  
 26 Cocktail made by male in waistcoat (6)  
 27 Rotten time to engage in banter (8)  
 28 Make random choices in lottery? Many! (4,4)  
 29 Fish seen round river – it's something that doesn't happen often (6)

## DOWN

- 2 King's daughter in play – I turn up surrounded by soldiers (6)  
 3 Notice second girl wearing ring (9)  
 4 Exposed, youth with unknown pink orchid (5,4)  
 5 Intimidate a Parisian with bottle (7)  
 6 Bugs round a sort of bar in Alicante? (5)  
 7 Chief measure (5)  
 8 Inspector, formerly a collier (8)  
 13 Can, given time, and elected (3)  
 15 Boy band's leader on record (9)  
 16 Non-drinker, perhaps, ordered teas in bar (9)  
 17 Knight in clear, via broadcast (8)  
 19 Briefly carry young child (3)  
 20 Old married writer on American passenger vehicle (7)  
 21 Journey by plane – quarrel about length (6)  
 23 Permit inexperienced leader to drop out (5)  
 24 Opening bars from main trombonist (5)

JOTTER PAD