CROSSWORD
No 17,229 Set by AARDVARK

ACROSS
1 Part of church painting rebuffed before new month (8)
5 Couple in centre of Brecon retreat for cake (6)
9 I'm surprised daughter embroidered your fabric (8)
10 Working member of staff readily available (2,4)
12 Philosopher starts to analyse rhymes TS Eliot constructed (9)
13 Sponge the sheltered side with cold water, then hot (5)
14 Prison disturbance (4)
16 One fights old PM endlessly dividing Britain (7)
19 Bone from bird used in exercise at school? (7)
21 Declare it hurts, sitting on collection of books (4)
24 Swimmer in tropics leaves around a pair of trunks (5)
25 Garden of Eden exhibit's guarded by special rails (7-2)
27 Insect one hears defacing small branch (5)
28 Flimsy edging of villa, full of holes (8)
29 They go out, quietly leaving punt on river (6)
30 Vehicle's parked outside residence of retiring nurses (5,3)

DOWN
1 Signalling system gets twitching feline back (3-3)
2 Dextrous lady from city repeatedly taking centre-stage (6)
3 Having spent millions, US president's backing jet (5)
4 University official trained on cold peak (7)
6 Nick, perhaps bitter, upset extreme artist (9)
7 Mailman regularly maintains place for sorting, unaccompanied (1,7)
8 Anarchist once studied, we hear – is it kept buttoned up? (3,5)
11 Basil maybe the latest to scrub beneath that boat (4)
15 Shade covers short eccentric Scotsman, resident in Africa (9)
17 Wonder about model soldiers, so to speak (2,2,4)
18 Ancient coin having unusual crest, found in Durham, say (8)
20 Smell comes from river alongside motorway (4)
21 Popular type of novel, whichever way you look at it (3,4)
22 Informer might pronounce this refuse centre unavailable (3-3)
23 Rope wife into trading share (6)
26 Sunbathing? Ultimately, not a thing that's worn (5)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,228

CASSOCK PORTEND GENTLE YNB
GENIUS PULLING MANET THUMING YN
TASTE BFR HERM SCAIWAN SCANDAL MONGERS
THESPHINX RHYME WESEEKGDQEPUSHTHEBOATOUT
APNIA CIDER CASTROPD SETORCEDO MEGAFANA CAIRN
ATIMPASI NONSTOP EMPRESS