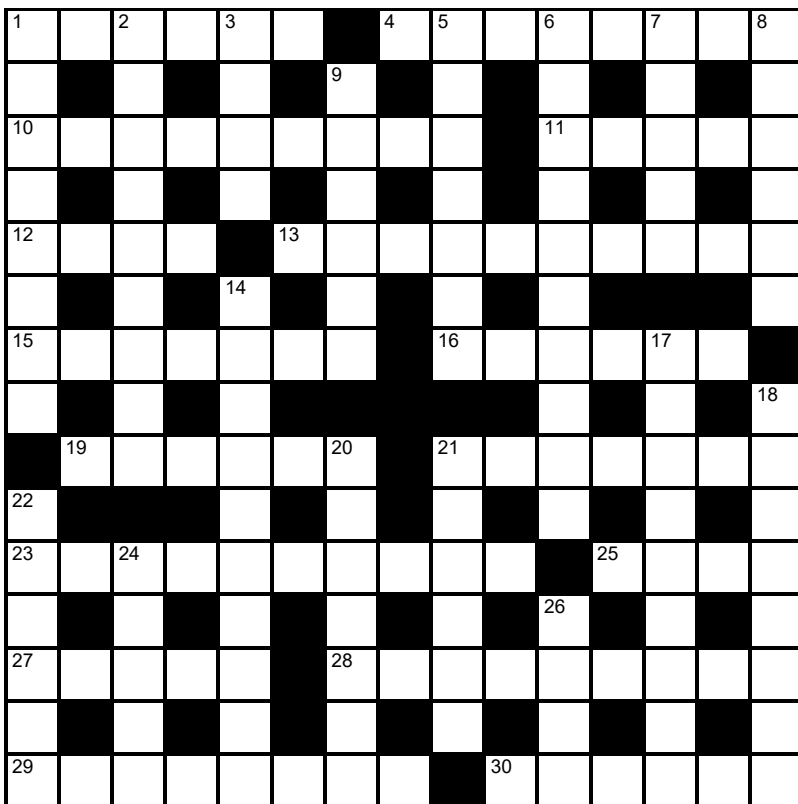


# CROSSWORD No 17,974 by GUY



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## JOTTER PAD

## ACROSS

- 1 Eg Leonardo in the Louvre you scrutinise (6)
- 4 Where Luke found Han Solo's key? (5,3)
- 10 Place you might land if rodeo mare bucks? (9)
- 11 Horror in the style of romcom, superficially (5)
- 12/13 Aussie mates securing free pardons — fun getting jailed and released? (4,3,7)
- 15 Beans English lady eats in the morning (7)
- 16 Push husband into tax-avoidance scheme (6)
- 19 Be naughty, sleep with new dog blankets (4,2)
- 21 Bob among others in Spooner's basic care home? (7)
- 23/25 Lear's twentieth, ordering Shakespeare (3,7,4)
- 27 Democrat slew army conscripts (5)
- 28 Ball a dog in 4 left once? Russian plays with it (9)
- 29 One heartless tyrant could be someone you let control your life (8)
- 30 Cheeses picked up for picnic (6)

## DOWN

- 1 Which diva is Rees-Mogg's favourite? (8)
- 2 Little boxes jolly American stores down the road (5,4)
- 3 Cheap chain with some real diamonds (4)
- 5 I make a mistake cutting grass for clown (7)
- 6 Expensive red metal potty? (10)
- 7 Oar bishop put in boat (5)
- 8 Teacher of religion perhaps failing in duty (6)
- 9 Have to wear tie in student's local (6)
- 14 Good grades by examinee, maybe relief for parents (4-6)
- 17 Someone always partying, thus with less energy to catch spies (9)
- 18 Cheap accommodation curtailed expensive passion (8)
- 20 Board after work up for drinking (7)
- 21 Novelist pens line with difficulty (6)
- 22 Sons help exhausted aristocrat around grounds (6)
- 24 Praise officer after chopper flipped (5)
- 26 Group on *The Great Escape* spread out rubble evenly (4)