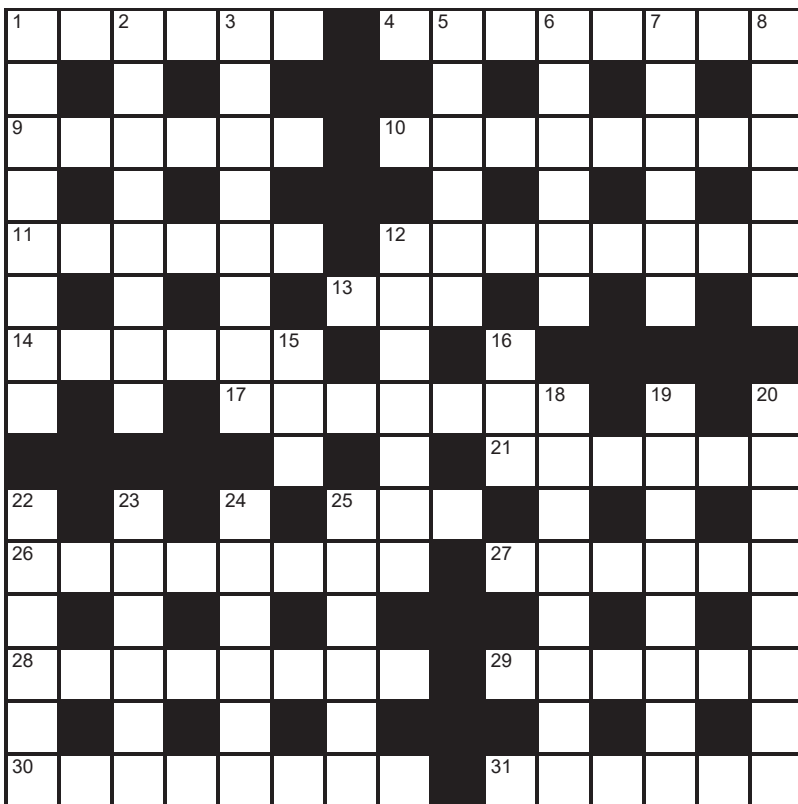
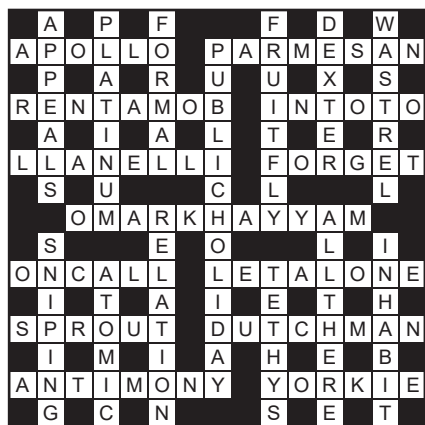


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JOTTER PAD

Five clues are missing similar definitions

ACROSS

- 1 Noxious pong escaping trousers (6)
- 4 Miserable curmudgeons dishing the dirt! (8)
- 9 Antique article, base gold-plated (3-3)
- 10 Secluded island sun — destined to go topless! (8)
- 11 Cut off/remove almost all facial hair? (6)
- 12 Broken French for 'cloudburst' (8)
- 13 Run away from Birmingham (3)
- 14 Celebrated fellow such as Jerry after a run-in with the farmer's wife? (6)
- 17 Online writer given article for nothing — such a thief! (7)
- 21 Sign Young British Artist Joe Hedges (6)
- 25 Firm beginning to notice swindle (3)
- 26 Bald German starts off as a councillor (8)
- 27 C-grade failure, one involved in thematic activity (6)
- 28 Release boy with nothing found in his possession (8)
- 29 Lady Chatterley for one not against this position! (6)
- 30 Spain succeeded — had a 12A, highly respected (8)
- 31 1st of January: flying kites for seaside amusement (3,3)

DOWN

- 1 New party employees posed outside No 10 (5-3)
- 2 Julius is here, finally supporting public pay for extra work (8)
- 3 Might it have a swingers bar for mixed foursomes? (4,4)
- 5 Loudly swear at the cat, which is the normal procedure (6)
- 6 Rectangular old book having many pages (6)
- 7 Country singer of Unforgettable, uplifting No 1 (6)
- 8 Last, last menu for one last of all (6)
- 12 Muck one spread in cell (7)
- 15 Willy French couturier getting his head down (3)
- 16 Live golf (3)
- 18 Witty retort concerning dad, Republican supporter of course (8)
- 19 Featured in radio, Gene Simmons, legendary philosopher (8)
- 20 Former PM turned up, one with hat covering lugholes (8)
- 22 Rabbit — a popular breakfast item (6)
- 23 Commercial opening that's coming in December (6)
- 24 After leaving lake, barbecues English salmon (6)
- 25 Small restaurant collects empty retsina bottle (6)