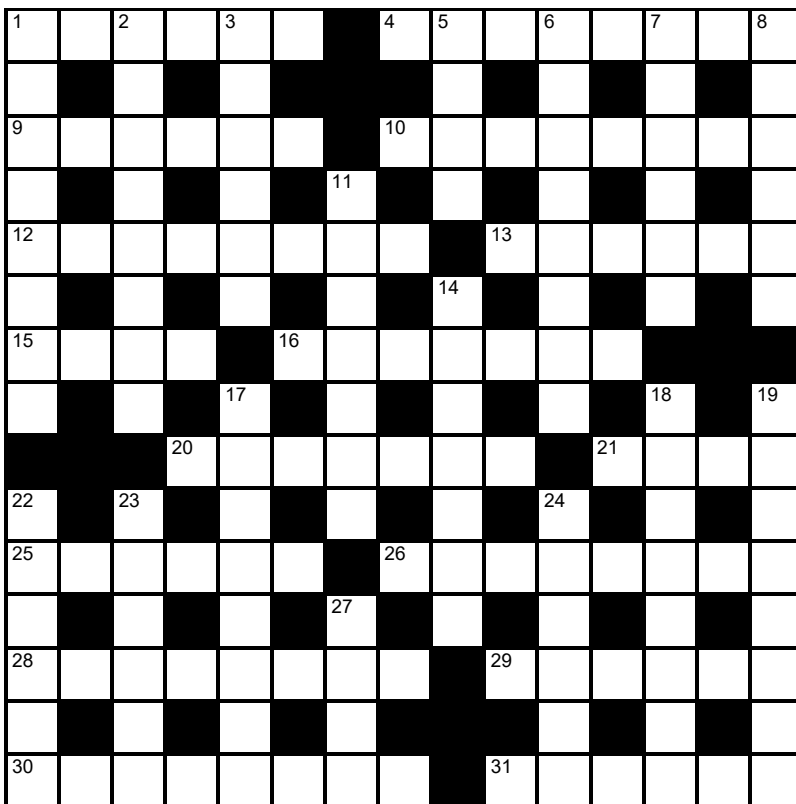


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JOTTER PAD

A literary anniversary

ACROSS

- 1 Russian lodges sorry return about tea (6)
- 4 Like a priest to admit he is ticklish somewhat (8)
- 9 Rats are against trimmed fur (6)
- 10 Villain messes up on the air (8)
- 12 Piglet damages edges of little square (8)
- 13 Cows new leader in fight (6)
- 15 Cross with one's choice (4)
- 16 Ruined Lindt's top chocolate etc — removed addictive substance (7)
- 20 Stew of shin, leg and tongue (7)
- 21 Produce loud weapon (4)
- 25 Slings partner out of work with weapons (6)
- 26 Faithful wife and writer run away together (8)
- 28 Stick around, improvise and look back for retired officer (3,5)
- 29 See 24 Down
- 30 Non-productive Head of Design overwhelmed by what she can do without her glasses (8)
- 31 One who cries at more biting (6)

DOWN

- 1 Small payouts Gaff has planned to split (8)
- 2 Perverts get sign of pleasure back in bed with skinhead (8)
- 3 Take lead from mailman's wild dog, maybe (6)
- 5 First humans excavated Neolithic sandstone layers (4)
- 6 Almost scared climbing a hill with parrot, perhaps (8)
- 7 Agreement to go outside to dine (6)
- 8 Plant nothing in circular borders (6)
- 11 Confess everything elevated fifties topless dancing (4,3)
- 14 Threatened to restrict quiet shelter for Hereford, perhaps (7)
- 17 Cold War missile? (8)
- 18 A Frenchman, a German, a Pole; one content (8)
- 19 Rogue magazine editor finally means to increase pressure (8)
- 22 Reported behaviour on estates (6)
- 23 Beef with last of mustard for good worker (6)
- 24/29 Writer completes psycho thriller competently on autopilot (6,6)
- 27 Pack for declining country's destination (4)