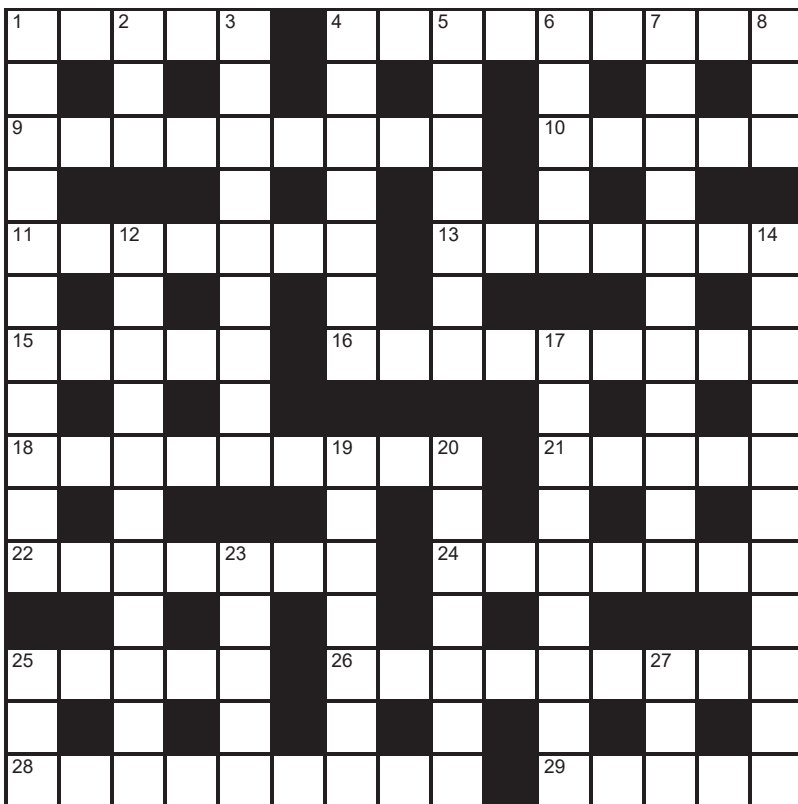


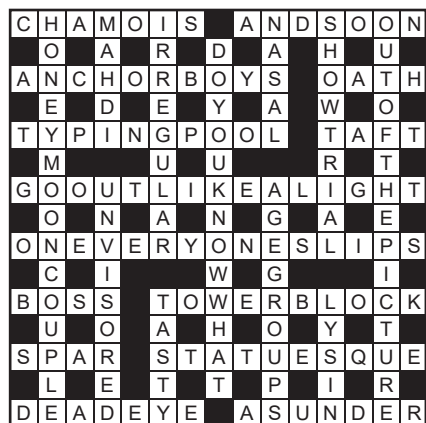
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ACROSS

- 1 Cheerless changing of sides during half-time? (5)
- 4 Old entry in early bird's journal? (4-5)
- 9 Wild kittens love time inside? Most puzzling... (9)
- 10 Giant bird with many wings taking flight (5)
- 11 Turning a letter in Scrabble to make SNAKE? (7)
- 13 Characters leaning forward, one covered in talc, one beginning to sling bottles (7)
- 15 Excitement of the first whisky? (5)
- 16 Delayed servant travels west, covering close to quarter of the Circle Line? (9)
- 18 Unknown shot-stopper preserves goalless draw for manager of Wolves? (9)
- 21 Carried small child by the end of wearisome day (5)
- 22 Abolish naked attractions provided in New York (7)
- 24 Interrogate FBI agent lying about cheese boards (7)
- 25 Solomon's accompanied by leaders in Galilee ordaining young gentiles (5)
- 26 Cryptic clue suggestion — 'Newton's inspired by Greek mathematician' (9)
- 28 Licensed theatre backed by Cambridge University with material we rejected (9)
- 29 Presumably you've slept in this riverside hotel? (5)

Solution 18,223



JOTTER PAD

DOWN

- 1 Tradesman's exorbitant amount is wasted — zero's banked (6,5)
- 2 I lift skinned rabbit (3)
- 3 Deathwatch taking place after cat caught bird (9)
- 4 Go with male model on day/days off (7)
- 5 Wine in unopened box tipped over (7)
- 6 Especially old carriage quietly departs (5)
- 7 Sweet song from the fifties (5-6)
- 8 News article bores old lady (3)
- 12 Say, Rachmaninov, Brahms and Liszt only appear around one (5,6)
- 14 Will those leading duellists eschew fight with swords for judo? (4-7)
- 17 Set up cycling firm with capital taken from shark? (9)
- 19 Money made by secretary joining old boys in yacht on vacation (7)
- 20 Cut grass cut by rolling grass that's come back up? (7)
- 23 An hour after midnight, finally rub one's feet (5)
- 25 Opening shop that was last open in 2021 (3)
- 27 Large bird you can see in Melbourne Museum (3)



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