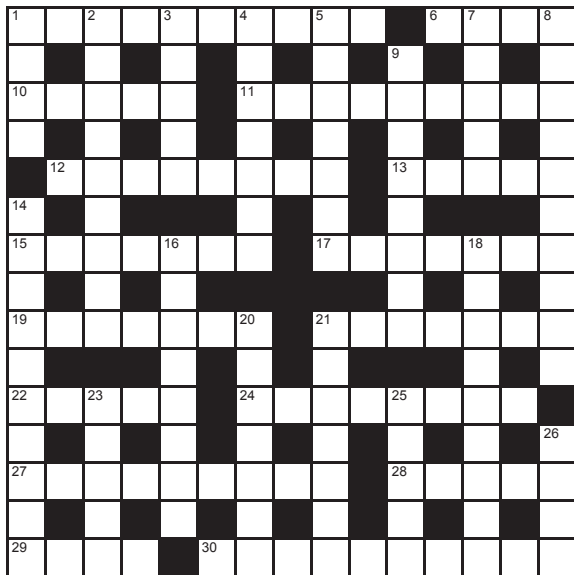


CROSSWORD

No. 14,247 Set by ALDHELM



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Pact I arranged for everyone behind surrender (10)
- 6 Alliance with second-rate colonel retreating (4)
- 10 Brief appearance is shut out from what follows, oddly (5)
- 11 Rodent outside entrance to hole after cat comes back for something hairy (9)
- 12 Ambassador's prize for old English hero (8)
- 13 Visitor doesn't finish with second opinion (5)
- 15 Fruit's distinctive taste – peeled melon (7)
- 17 Cooked ginger without large oven (7)
- 19 Put back trellis I left to deteriorate (7)
- 21 Fresh changes embracing condition of law officer (7)
- 22 One extant organ (5)
- 24 Pass extra assessment (8)
- 27 Maybe cheers up around the third part of pole vault (9)
- 28 Page follows formal groom (5)
- 29 Terrible one adding colour for the audience (4)
- 30 Dramatist's predicament involving awkward way to finish off actor (10)

DOWN

- 1 Nearly stick up a shrub (4)
- 2 Roughly pin elm around each flower (9)
- 3 Figure of speech appears in intro, perhaps (5)
- 4 Back trouble's to delay oxygen without university medic (7)
- 5 Roar at end of fight with barbarian overcoming the German (7)
- 7 Caught in temptation for money (5)
- 8 Annoyed by coffees he'd ruined (7,3)
- 9 Do nothing with fly in food that's returned (8)
- 14 Thoroughly cleaned tile dries out after a bit of soaking (10)
- 16 Skilfully dismiss outside right with ultimate in trickery (8)
- 18 Moment of time with suspicion (9)
- 20 Historic old chapel destroyed (7)
- 21 For example, flat screen's manufactured badly – first four components missing (7)
- 23 One struggling, apparently, gripping head of poisonous snake (5)
- 25 Drinker's drunk 3 (5)
- 26 See heads of state preside over talks (4)

Solution to the Saturday prize puzzle on Saturday March 9
Solution to yesterday's prize puzzle on Monday March 11
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