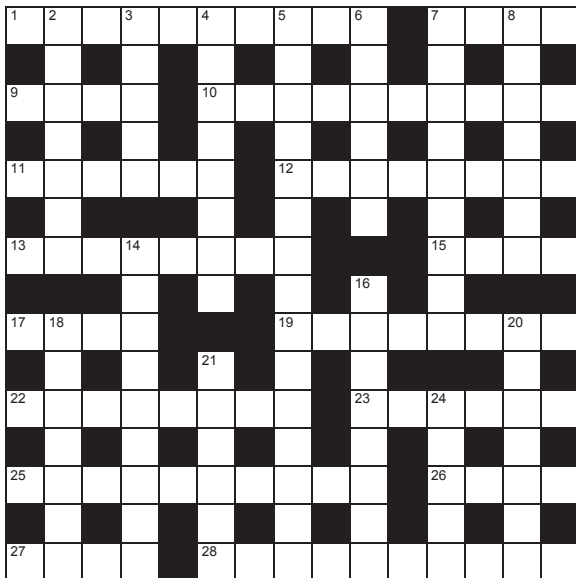


# CROSSWORD

## No. 16,506 Set by NEO



JOTTER PAD

### ACROSS

- 1 Supporter providing government intelligence (10)
- 7 Rhythm and echo in club (4)
- 9 Large region in Matsuida regularly ignored (4)
- 10 Anxiety about hair that will interrupt sleep (5,5)
- 11 Saint and unethical wife going deep (6)
- 12 Film story in a score rewritten (8)
- 13 Melancholy men reversed in top gear (8)
- 15 First couple to disappear in country garden (4)
- 17 Edible plant given in measured dose (4)
- 19 Excessive demand nasty letter communicates? (4-4)
- 22 Drunken sea-dog in coastal location (3,5)
- 23 Vehicle going back into the ancient land (6)
- 25 Excellent shield one looks over (10)
- 26 Cat in wood by lake (4)
- 27 Poor to welcome Liberal found wanting in Barnet? (4)
- 28 Idiot daughter working for boss (10)

### DOWN

- 2 Dish, very dry, should be dipped in port (7)
- 3 Shakespearean ensign holding male, idealised view (5)

- 4 Actor filled with zest as theatre fan (4-4)
- 5 Why's PA notorious when sloshed? That's question of choice (5,4,6)
- 6 Sheep indeed upended 1966 winner (6)
- 7 Do listen to a much-loved singer (9)
- 8 Records are cut with knife (7)
- 14 Clan wars, for Spooner, overwhelm Cornish resort (5,4)
- 16 Second bed delivered without damage (4-4)
- 18 Capone with posh character upset one with an interest in 14? (7)
- 20 Capital one invested in corrupt casino (7)
- 21 Fried bananas, about five heated (6)
- 24 Sacred flower for Richardson perhaps? (5)

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