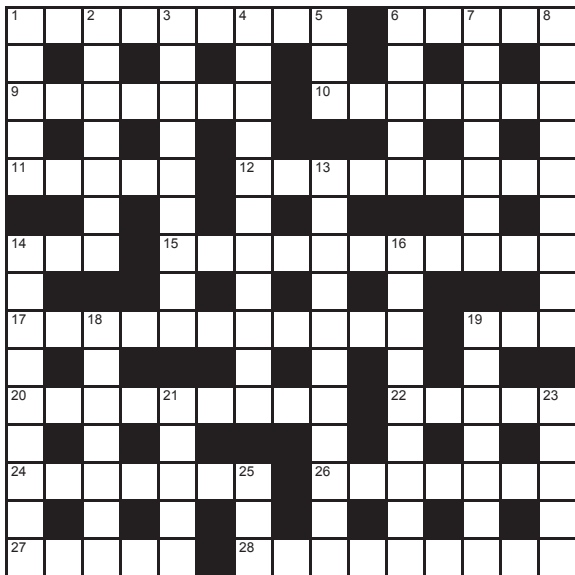


# CROSSWORD

## No. 16,513 Set by WANDERER



JOTTER PAD

### ACROSS

- 1 Met deaf half-sister round about half-time (9)
- 6 Instrument not acceptable for male singer (5)
- 9 Swimmer initially has the greatest objection (7)
- 10 Backs vindication of French criminal (7)
- 11 Ring doctor about card game (5)
- 12 Sex? 25 and 5? . . . (9)
- 14 . . . Never! And nor, for starters, has either 5 or 25's 25 (3)
- 15 Hit by former musician, an heir to the throne (5,6)
- 17 Mate at home with daughter before capital's Abba gig? (11)
- 19 Drink a shot . . . (3)
- 20 . . . perhaps, when being uncouth? (5-4)
- 22 Hurriedly make an approach (3-2)
- 24 Metallic element, essential component of dustbins (7)
- 26 Good weapons for fine shots? (7)
- 27 Nabby-pamby sibling, extremely shy (5)
- 28 My career involved penning name for hired gun (9)

### DOWN

- 1 Fool school doctor (5)
- 2 Function without a liberal fundamentalist (7)
- 3 Translated odes with Cuban cleric (9)
- 4 Sex as side, starter, main or dessert? (11)
- 5 Lawyer, first to defend 19 across (3)

- 6 Fellow wearing black tie turned up in suit (5)
- 7 What's found on beach? Plastic now, in IOW resort (7)
- 8 Past IOM town's turning, come to later than planned (9)
- 13 Immediate boss has row with a German, when cycling around (4,7)
- 14 His printer briefly malfunctions, leading to complaint (9)
- 16 New, but not unknown, Surrey cafe? That's come up again (9)
- 18 Gallery's slatted doors or windows (7)
- 19 Heal-all gets spread around a canapé (7)
- 21 Prince having change of heart, for one that's high-risk (5)
- 23 Unhealthily pale 5's first signs of tanning? Yes (5)
- 25 Silent letter, eg mnemonic's first one (3)

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