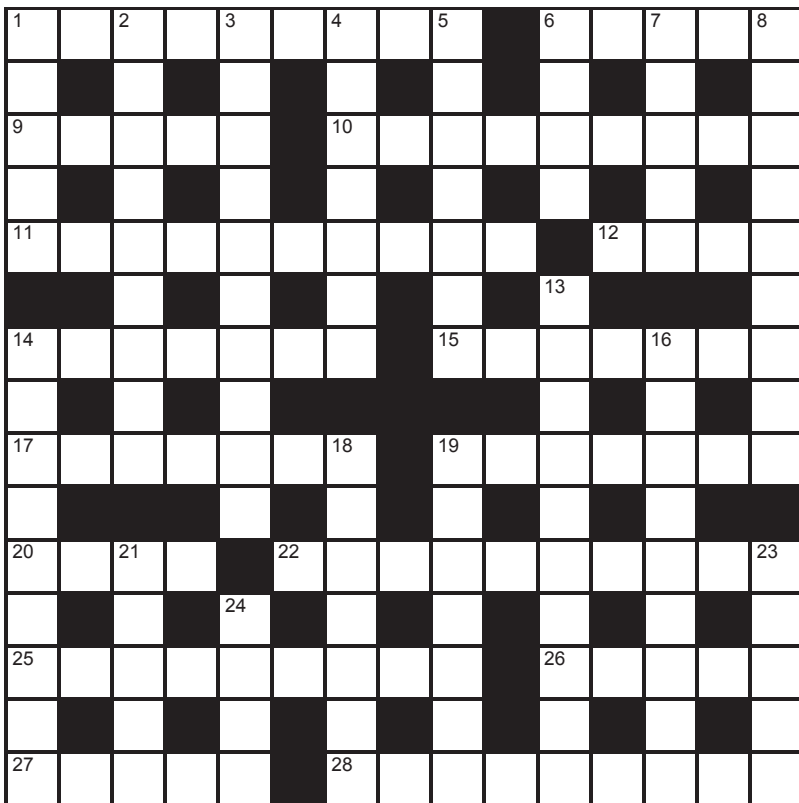


CROSSWORD

No 16,680 Set by HAMILTON



ACROSS

- 1 Committee considering war transport? (5,4)
- 6 Special youngster gets in first, ready for wash (5)
- 9 Assume Don's present (3,2)
- 10, 14 down A cabaret star hoping to recreate Italian speciality (9,9)
- 11 Row to Rio with care when transporting Greta Thunberg (3-7)
- 12 Contemptible sort will argue back to Mark (4)
- 14 Compelled company to turn back truncated order (7)
- 15 Run to minder getting the last drink in (7)
- 17 Turned to books held in high esteem (7)
- 19 Parker's alias? (3,4)
- 20 Expel in furious temper (4)
- 22 State of royal ownership (10)
- 25 Capable flight attendant passed for take-off (9)
- 26 Pensioner that's held by Tommy (5)
- 27 A doctor on the French promenade (5)
- 28 Parent-led revolt against near neighbour (3,6)

DOWN

- 1 Supporter finds gym in rudimentary building (5)
- 2 Solitary man rising and following in time (9)
- 3 Working at Nick's, say, in Midwest location (6,4)
- 4 Certain of a boat on the River Dee (7)
- 5 Monarch's careless with wayward son's noisy apparatus (7)
- 6 Openings in Somerset House and in W1 (4)
- 7 Some leisure trousers made to look dated (5)
- 8 Graduate, popular girl, gets slow cooker (4-5)
- 13 Somewhere to sit is optional, so be prepared (5,5)
- 14 See 10
- 16 Broken gate leads to forest and al fresco cafe (3,6)
- 18 Thomas the activist taking on universal comms company (7)
- 19 Maybe Cherry is seen to be drunk (3-4)
- 21 Plant temperature changes in 6 across (5)
- 23 First dinky little townhouse wherein we lived (5)
- 24 Bound to be pole dancing (4)

JOTTER PAD