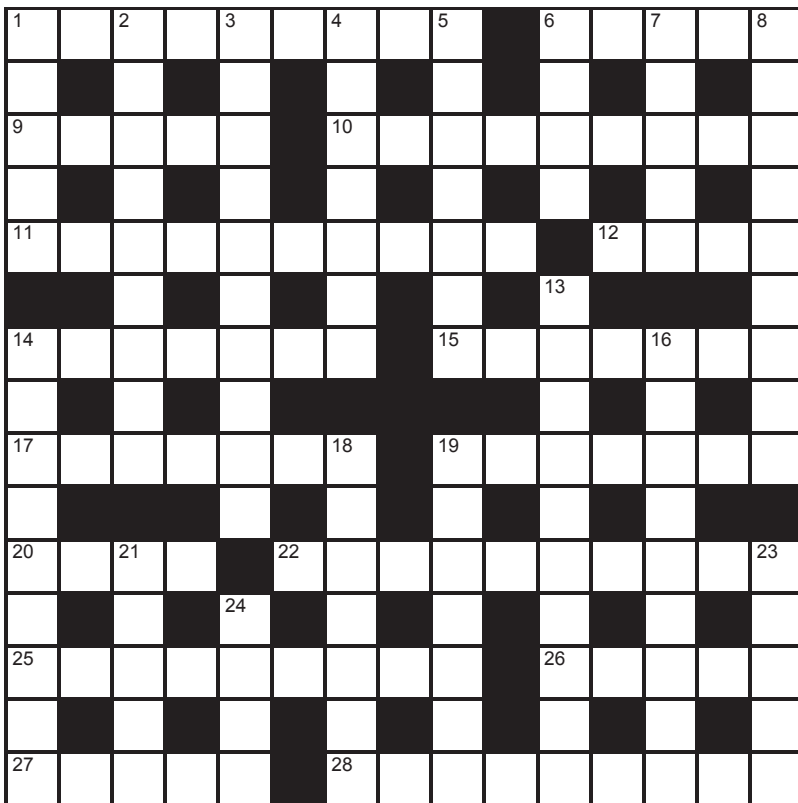


CROSSWORD

No 16,682 Set by AARDVARK



ACROSS

- 1 A faceless nobleman's getting staff to find tall-stemmed plant (6,3)
- 6 One entertains English setter around deserted copse (5)
- 9 Poetic device that's heard in ABBA? (5)
- 10 Way of cooking fresh tuna by English river in metal container (2,7)
- 11 Vehicle right by the police building (10)
- 12 Pasta Toni leaves somewhere on the Baltic coast (4)
- 14 Where to launch Elvis's sneering feature within rock and roll setting? (7)
- 15 One ruminates, picking up bank publication (7)
- 17 Article initially outlining sleep phase principle (7)
- 19 Poles occupying characteristic conveyance (7)
- 20 Arrows seen here reverberating, tips being swapped (4)
- 22 Boss's tie wildly grabbed by two paid workers meeting resistance (10)
- 25 Music player hurt playing Chicago's heartland (9)
- 26 Flipping duke in food shop wasted time (5)
- 27 Bedroom philanderer displaying sex appeal (5)
- 28 Tree lily Diane relocated (9)

DOWN

- 1 Seeing a Northern Irish town, mother let out expression of dismay (5)
- 2 Two chaps running event in Scottish landmark (5,4)
- 3 Christmas on Jersey, say, difficult for Cockney playwright (4,6)
- 4 Again seek job, harvest work (7)
- 5 Martial arts experts regularly require agile fellow (7)
- 6 Board chair having succeeded finally (4)
- 7 Fancy that soldier, a member of queen's household? (5)
- 8 English pair pound steak, smashing old container for fish (3-6)
- 13 Clued-up bird with savings account files a complaint (9,1)
- 14 Ancient burial site, shut off, contains one hundred rings (6,3)
- 16 Bill might be so restless (9)
- 18 Shopping centre one found extremely artificial and combative (7)
- 19 From patio, furtively track bird appearing out of hedge perhaps (7)
- 21 Mark resides below career women living together (5)
- 23 More than one spoke with a detective in US state (5)
- 24 Money belt up under fleece (4)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 16,681

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