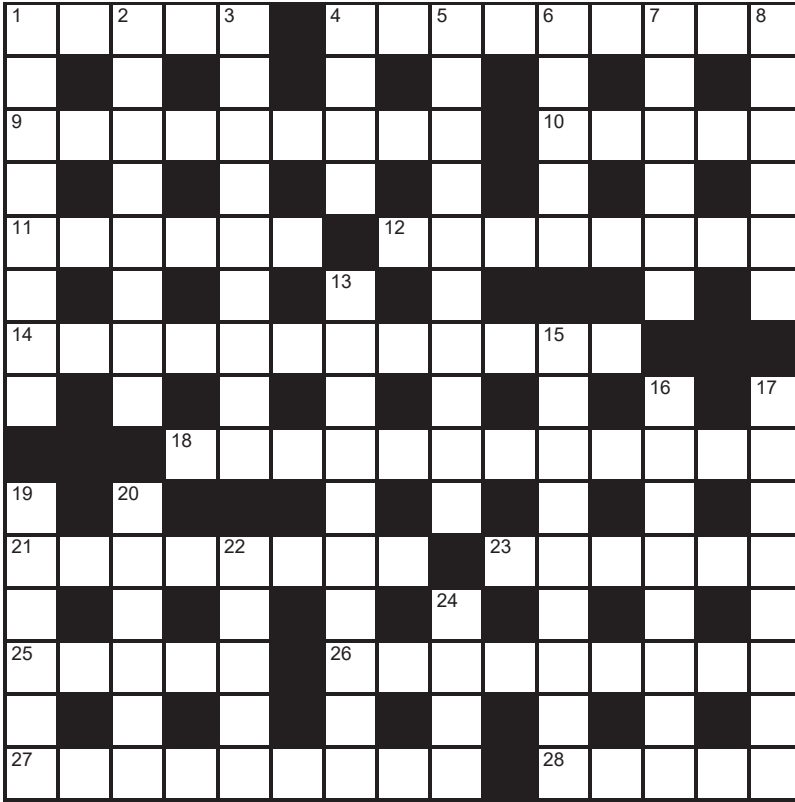


CROSSWORD

No 16,689 Set by CHALMIE



ACROSS

- 1 Backing barely one of 16 popes will do (5)
- 4 Convincing one angry-looking salesman to take Australia back (9)
- 9 Notices missing volume found inside fish (3,6)
- 10 Freewheel when in bed (5)
- 11 They're not the same returning to higher education, Rhodes scholars originally (6)
- 12 Non-conformist state I see in Macedonia (8)
- 14 Hiding shrunken head slyly, Miss Marple not a saint (5,7)
- 18 Fleet's on manoeuvres to break bricks, not to care about looks (3,7,2)
- 21 Photo of old lavatory? Yes! (8)
- 23 Rigorous, in a way, of the stomach to discharge gas (6)
- 25 Hands over an individualist (5)
- 26 Rank Moore poorly in Bond film (9)
- 27 Playwright suppresses urges for flyers (4,5)
- 28 Band leaves westward (5)

DOWN

- 1 Press 1 to change answer (8)
- 2 Letter to linguistics scholar has fruit around border (8)
- 3 Old relative to be carried across river (3,6)
- 4 Put the top on quiet greeting (4)
- 5 Oriental fruit for people sick with Sars (4,6)
- 6 Relative with large pimple going carb-free (5)
- 7 Embroil newspaper in racket (4,2)
- 8 Alien absorbed by inclination to get back (6)
- 13 Letter from abroad comes up in system – Margo reacts (10)
- 15 American expert formerly not sure about Windows? (9)
- 16 Lack fire, surprised in strobe light (1-7)
- 17 What seasick British patriot may be on (4,4)
- 19 Hill that hurts man (6)
- 20 Mineral crystal found in Scots pine log (6)
- 22 Thin person's credit in decline (5)
- 24 Lord Chancellor once longer (4)

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