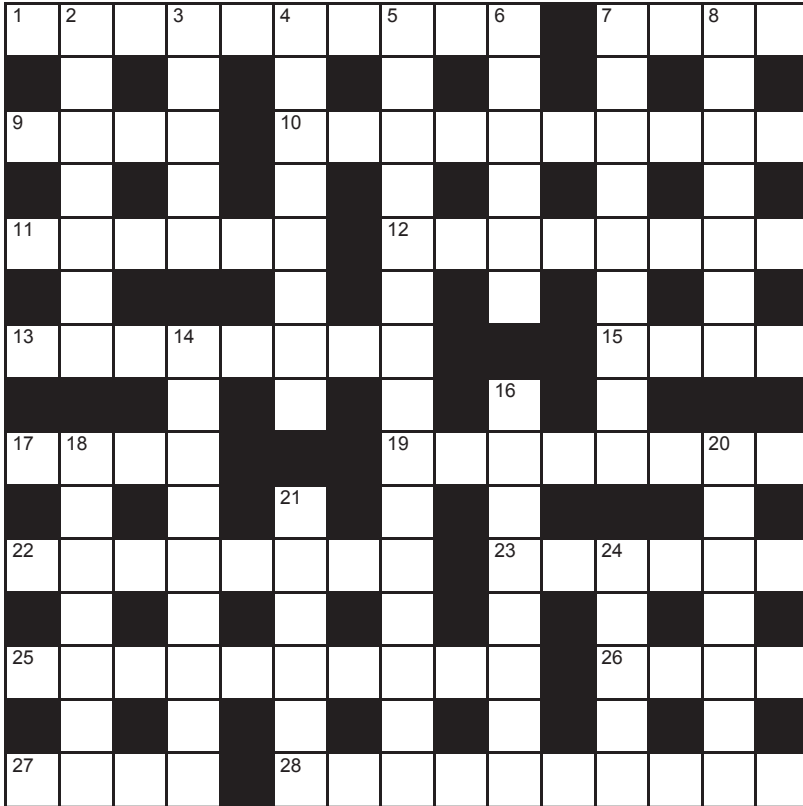


CROSSWORD

No 16,892 Set by STEERPIKE



ACROSS

- 1 Terribly idle German swung the lead (10)
- 7 They are usually spotted in Nordic environments (4)
- 9 Female embracing Oscar in Oxford, say (4)
- 10 Skin around navel? (6,4)
- 11 Period of abstinence starts to incrementally lower pulse (6)
- 12 Well-trained teacher that is in on time (8)
- 13 Tyneside-born artist maintaining pose in US state (8)
- 15 How sad! Abandoned railway is crooked (4)
- 17 Avoid barbarian on Sabbath (4)
- 19 Revolutionary accepts English church indulgence (8)
- 22 Lad initially given prison sentence for lark, perhaps (8)
- 23 Introduce Liberal behind organised sit in (6)
- 25 Brothel lodging women in awful youth hostel by river (5,5)
- 26 Sailor taking on the Spanish is first to die? (4)
- 27 Exploits of two cardinals captured by American (4)
- 28 Car enthusiast introducing Henry to dodgy pot dealer (10)

DOWN

- 2 Naked man allowed in The Sportsman (7)
- 3 Incompetent independent trust holds record (5)
- 4 Setter in Slough butchered husband? Horrific! (8)
- 5 Debates Labour on dubious grounds for acquittal (10,5)
- 6 Attorney forces engineer to turn over weapon (6)
- 7 Copy political party and lie about whip (9)
- 8 Charlie put on less fat daily (7)
- 14 Frenchman wanders around Spain supplying outlaws (9)
- 16 Unconventional protagonist of another novel about India (8)
- 18 Pipes captain aboard whilst blockading harbour (7)
- 20 Strike artilleryman as a fanciful idea (7)
- 21 Politician touring islands almost has accident (6)
- 24 Stockpile wood at bottom of street (5)

JOTTER PAD

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