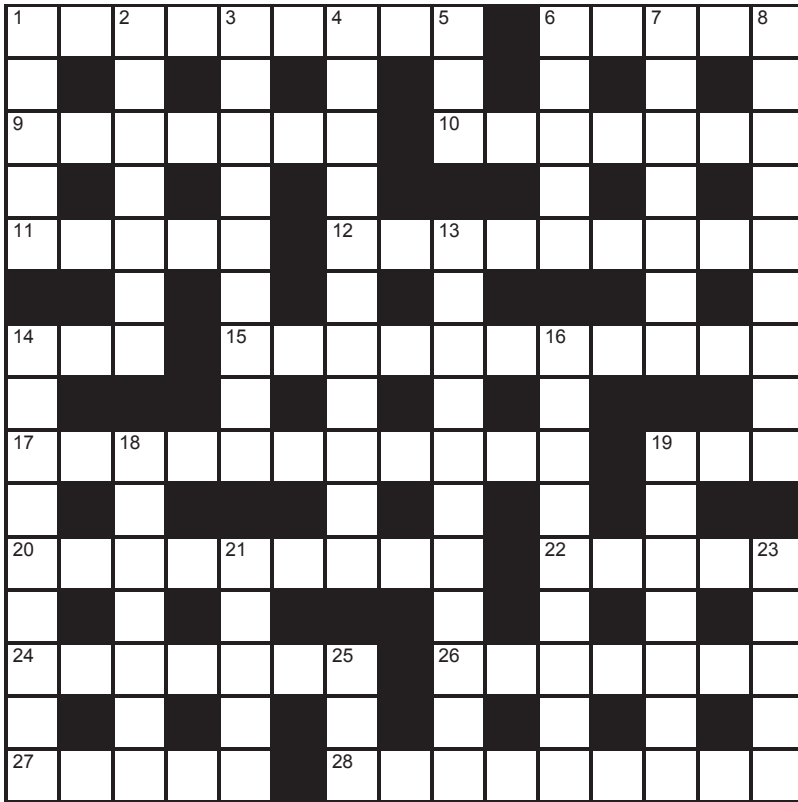


CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 1 Sausage sandwiches with it in drink – thanks (9)
- 6 Chicken so attired probably not headless (5)
- 9 Artist in devout company holding cross (7)
- 10 Hat good on Spanish man briefly without uniform (7)
- 11 Summer for one Mafia leader not applicable (5)
- 12 Not fair burning a sixteenth-century pope? (9)
- 14 Digital feature starts with treatise on electronics (3)
- 15 Well expressed, with changing characters, but no stories (11)
- 17 Being chosen one, carry out something shocking (8,3)
- 19 Speaker's gift Gladstone brought back? (3)
- 20 Anxious chap ends affair (9)
- 22 Governor has regret about Left – and Right (5)
- 24 Judge a rook by vicious dog? (7)
- 26 Adrian taken badly, with temperature, glowing (7)
- 27 Letter to Greeks found in Rotherhithe tavern (5)
- 28 Tower employee brings carp to diner (9)

DOWN

- 1 Plain-clothes cops arresting happy lover-boy (5)
- 2 Anger that smoulders in church service (7)
- 3 Monarch flees further carnage in attack (9)
- 4 Lawless Moab – one country being evil (11)
- 5 This volcano gives out when hot (3)
- 6 French aristocrat to arrive drinking Tango (5)
- 7 Composer has piano, and no clue surprisingly (7)
- 8 Dark suit shortened for disco (5-4)
- 13 Fellowship of real ale drinkers entertaining a Democrat on lake (11)
- 14 Ditch worker perhaps being incisive (9)
- 16 Spanner by a trailer initially up on high ground (3,6)
- 18 Raise meaning of belief occasionally (7)
- 19 Romeo's lass cut top off plant (7)
- 21 More than usually wide? (5)
- 23 Root bats, getting runs, but this one turns (5)
- 25 Poke fun at wife (3)

JOTTER PAD

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