# CROSSWORD No 17,617 by MUDD

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#### Solution 17.616





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## JOTTER PAD

#### ACROSS

- 1 Second miserable yield (4,4)
- **5** Brief march behind brown bike (6)
- 10 Muck up and down! (5)
- 11 Family stories (9)
- **12** Fabulous guy having left university learned to dance (9)
- **13** Something going on uniform, buttons
- down the middle? (5)

  14 Runt behind sow initially in pain (6)
- **15** Something fairly precious editor corrected on page (7)
- **18** In a bad way, one tucked in behind is that one's limit? (7)
- 20 Reddish-brown boy in blue? (6)
  22 One written in message, put forward
- **22** One written in message, put forward (5)
- **24** Party promises reforms if no seat taken by first of May (9)
- **25** Musical instruction in first half of record and second, amended (9)
- 26 Core member of pack (5)
- 27 Run there are steps on that (6)
- 28 Rough, the track behind meadow (8)

## **DOWN**

- 1 Fox finds pair of females in hav (6)
- **2** Cruet got shaken over top of exotic vegetable (9)
- **3** The tenet clarified, I gathered (8,7)
- 4 Old man consumed by wrath,
- unfortunately the road to hostility? (7)

  6. Fall of Panama here immediately?
- **6** Fall of Panama here, immediately? (2,3,4,2,1,3)
- 7 Deep hum from first doctor? (5)
- **8** Wrongly report the most beautiful girl at the gallery? (8)
- 9 Curtain coming down, misbehave (4,2)
- **16** Rise and fall of rate is that a million miles away? (4,5)
- 17 Unusual capital city finally rebuilt (8)
- 19 French article on my novel, sharp (6)
- 20 Comfort breaks close? No! (7)
- 21 Fat left, lardy in the extreme? (6)
- **23** Horse beginning to catch leader on track (5)