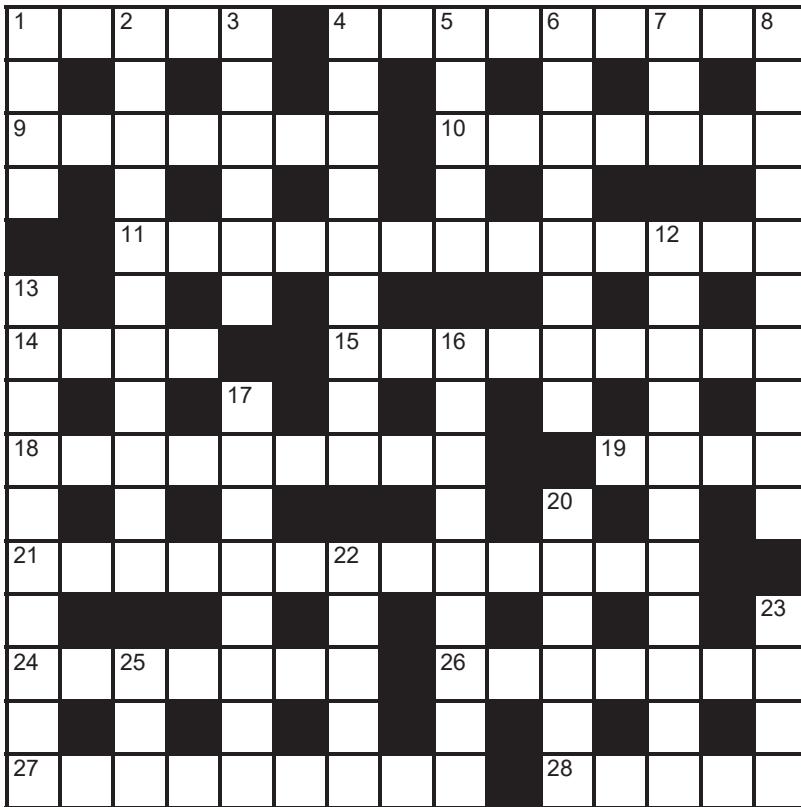


# CROSSWORD No 17,623 by ARTEXLEN



Solution 17,621



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## ACROSS

- Opposed being retired — it's not stimulating (5)
- Woozy feeling I would enjoy going round head (9)
- Graduate doctor in first of operations is young one (7)
- Meeting antisocial rogue, act casually withdrawing (7)
- Down-to-earth broadcast probing replacement for school of thought (13)
- A figure backing alliance (4)
- Petty hiding sailor's navigational aid? (9)
- Gamble gaining US farm, lake and section of wood (9)
- Scandinavian flipper picked up (4)
- Coffer of loot is secure with threats resolved (8,5)
- Affirmative response to question you are texted shows sincerity (7)
- Play (vacuous output) Lionel Richie song (7)
- Lusts cool down after bagging man finally many moons ago (4,5)
- Shelter beside church drain (5)

## DOWN

- Garden plot over time becoming liability (4)
- Get across India on tractor possessed by collective group (11)
- Weak fellow obsequiously servile with head down (6)
- Partially hidden, going round selling weed (9)
- Food outlet outside hospital in Asian city (5)
- Name of many queens is a title used cyclically (8)
- Minor unopened letter (3)
- Only children admitted in play facilities, not wife (10)
- Italian food consumed in French city after day in Germany (11)
- Inflamed receiving account pop group's up for leave of absence (10)
- Thicko: are bananas veg? (9)
- Cutting implement as eclipses poorest that's regularly selected (8)
- Enable AI computer to be deadly (6)
- Repeated series of years in naval force (5)
- My way to request silence (4)
- Part of speech showing no love for sister (3)

## JOTTER PAD