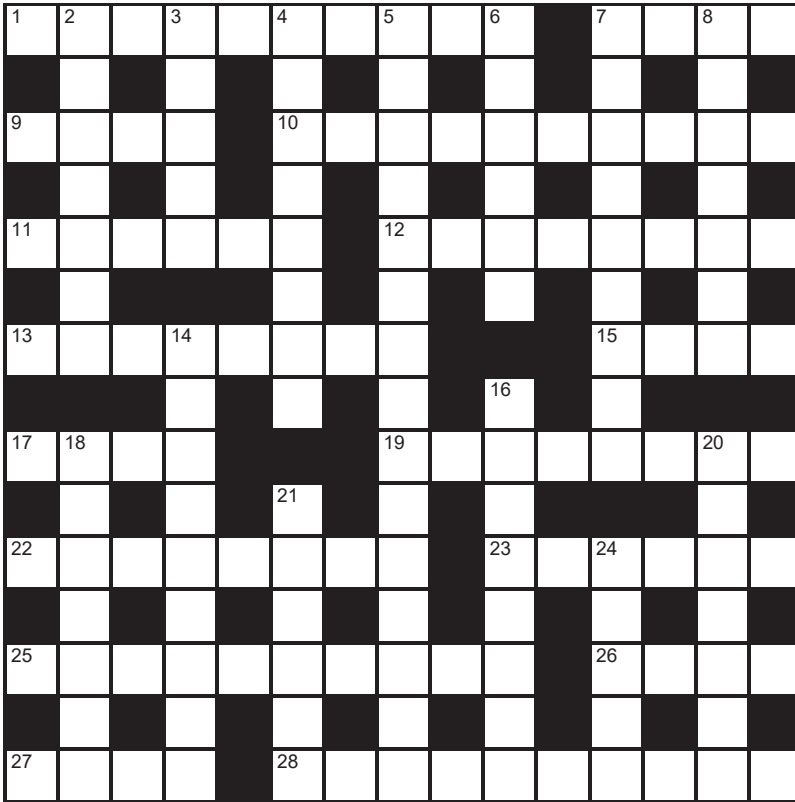


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ACROSS

- 1 Johnny discussed fish platter from the 1960s (6,4)
- 7 Do outside portrait finally when in charge (4)
- 9 Country's graduate element switching sides (4)
- 10 Always pleased to vacate enormous habitat of alligators (10)
- 11 Factory worker battles house rules, essentially (6)
- 12 Beginner finding speed of light in plane doable? (2,6)
- 13 Slate fragment on shelter (8)
- 15 Champ, taking lead in cross-country, fell (4)
- 17 Arrows fired here resound, having swapped tips (4)
- 19 Stylish lorry crosses first (8)
- 22 US road user from California leaves state then returns (8)
- 23 Criminal boss claiming that chap's item of junk? (6)
- 25 Liberate settled on this soft pair of slippers when entertaining excessively (5,5)
- 26 Academic study held in circles roughly (2,2)
- 27 The bed's displaying shrubby plant (4)
- 28 Rovers footballer with rotund shape is performing singer (3,7)

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JOTTER PAD

DOWN

- 2 When making arrival, Scottish songstress worked up screech (7)
- 3 Showy bee hives? (5)
- 4 Dieter's drink, with calories halved, Heather wanted (8)
- 5 Some poetry concert hall presented with humour once? (3,2,10)
- 6 Olympic venue to continue constructing pool (6)
- 7 Shake salt over small snacks? (9)
- 8 Hazel perhaps embracing Malcolm regularly avoided sentimentality (7)
- 14 Submission one's honoured to pass on by November (extremely close) (9)
- 16 Martinet succeeded overseeing trout fisherman? (8)
- 18 Vessel for drinking tea shared with dreamy girl (7)
- 20 I reckon keeping step on Tango is an artform (7)
- 21 Swansong less aloof (6)
- 24 Pass through outskirts of Eswatini, a source of disease? (1,4)



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