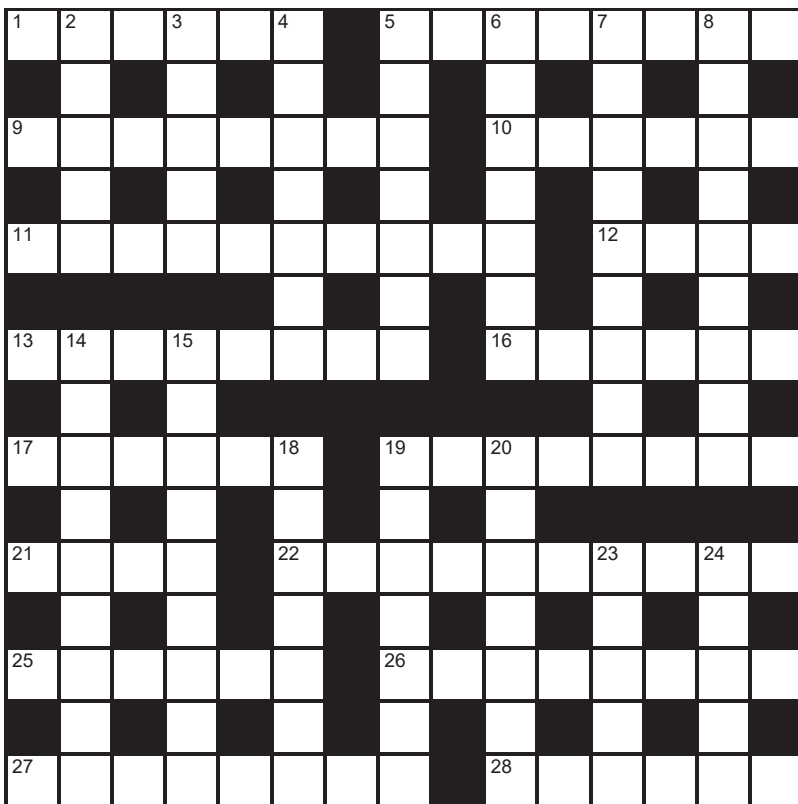


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## JOTTER PAD

## ACROSS

- 1 Apple movie follows PM losing her head (6)
- 5 Prevail over striking women's crew with time to spare (8)
- 9 Steps taken by prominent Olympian to circumvent key prohibition (8)
- 10 Del Boy, possibly half-heartedly, returned potentially hot lab equipment (6)
- 11 Eric and Denise applied for provisional ruling (6,4)
- 12 Where sultanias may be cultivated in Romania (4)
- 13 Pure first-class rolling tobacco (8)
- 16 Boil these cycling clothes white in the end (6)
- 17 European lived all over the place under cover (6)
- 19 Case of having the means to secure laid-back life in Italy (8)
- 21 Weeds moving south west to Oxford? (4)
- 22 In-depth far-flung guide (10)
- 25 Welsh borders to reissue nature guide (6)
- 26 Lines in Court 1 at Queen's less clear (8)
- 27 Judge fools very reasonably... at first (8)
- 28 Perfect European language is losing its essence (6)

## DOWN

- 2 Convention requiring generation to support FT (5)
- 3 One in flight from celebrity casing island... (5)
- 4 ...in that jockey's control (7)
- 5 Instrument in old vehicle is initially not applicable (7)
- 6 Crop rotations from north and south come together at the end (7)
- 7 Old dog — boring abstainer or party animal? (9)
- 8 Grove erroneously describes famous German composer as leading Soviet (9)
- 14 Mouldy cheese regularly stains thick coverings (3,6)
- 15 Lowdown about former detective gets the bird (6-3)
- 18 Bear down on extremely dissolute crowd (7)
- 19 Peace-loving soldier, one inexperienced in retreat (4-3)
- 20 Countdown to end with this wordplay for FLIT? (4-3)
- 23 New factory ultimately requiring 50% of capital to manufacture fibre (5)
- 24 Odds of runaways never turning up? (5)