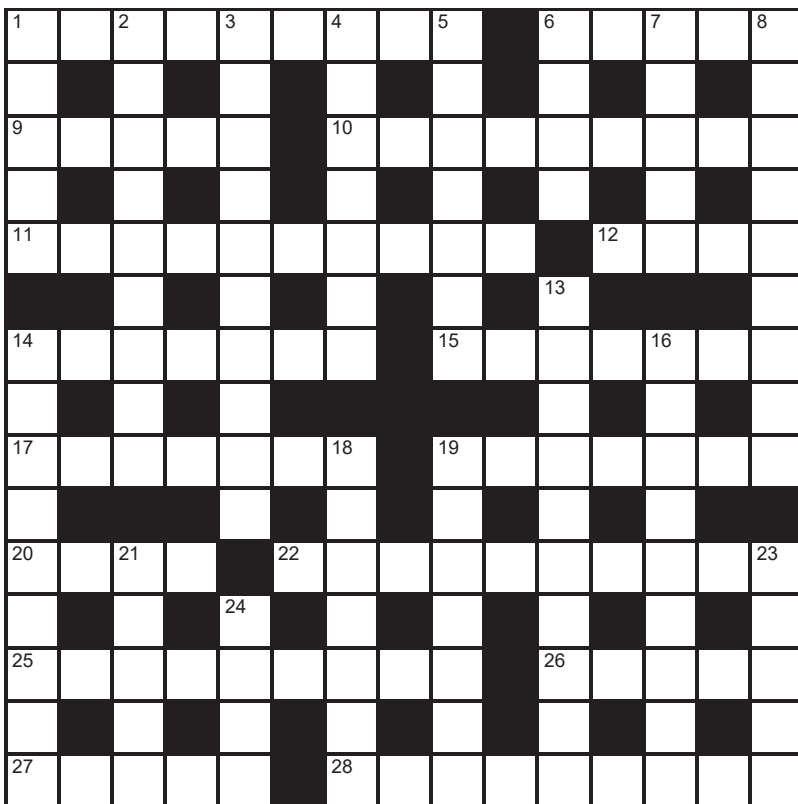


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JOTTER PAD

Allan Scott, who compiled nearly 400 cryptic crosswords for the FT as Falcon, has died. A regular compiler for several other newspapers, he also set many Polymaths, the FT's Saturday general knowledge puzzle. His guiding principles were that "the shorter the clue the better" and that in the contest between compiler and solver, "the solver should always win". He worked right up until last month. This is his penultimate cryptic puzzle.

ACROSS

- 1 Four-letter word? Margaret taken aback, biting tongue at first (9)
- 6 Leave Adriatic port (5)
- 9 Winning group's surprise result (5)
- 10 New cultivar produced by European could be profitable (9)
- 11 Chap, slight, crossing second highest part of Cornwall (6,4)
- 12 Greek character after fine cheese (4)
- 14 Raise then call after foremost of bids (5,2)
- 15 Old communications satellite rattles badly (7)
- 17 Drive round active volcano in Asian country (7)
- 19 Factory sirens upsetting to horse (7)
- 20 Having nothing on tap, not good (4)
- 22 Disorganised father having put on uniform is ignored (10)
- 25 Unfortunately agree, poor musical dramas may often be seen by one (5-4)
- 26 Hot under the collar, ambassador with temperature on the rise (3,2)
- 27 Son by himself briefly in beauty parlour (5)
- 28 Is golf club accepting that female novelist? (9)

DOWN

- 1 Hitch in part of south Umbria (5)
- 2 First run out in international will (4,5)
- 3 Scathing, series probing a hospital department (10)
- 4 Raw fish delicacy and bap, followed by sponge (7)
- 5 Small farm in Scotland belonging to me, fictional detective's brother (7)
- 6 Go crazy if upset (4)
- 7 Learning about current in French river (5)
- 8 Reference book he's taken into house (9)
- 13 Great hotel breaks with everything included (10)
- 14 Restless bovine brought in by southern miners (5,4)
- 16 All of the footballers, say, in line on pitch (6-3)
- 18 Raised stuff concerning one Italian inventor (7)
- 19 Artist's animal painting, horse's head (7)
- 21 Live adequately under daughter's roof (5)
- 23 Tricked theologian about winning percentage at the end (5)
- 24 Chief isle's surrounding another (4)