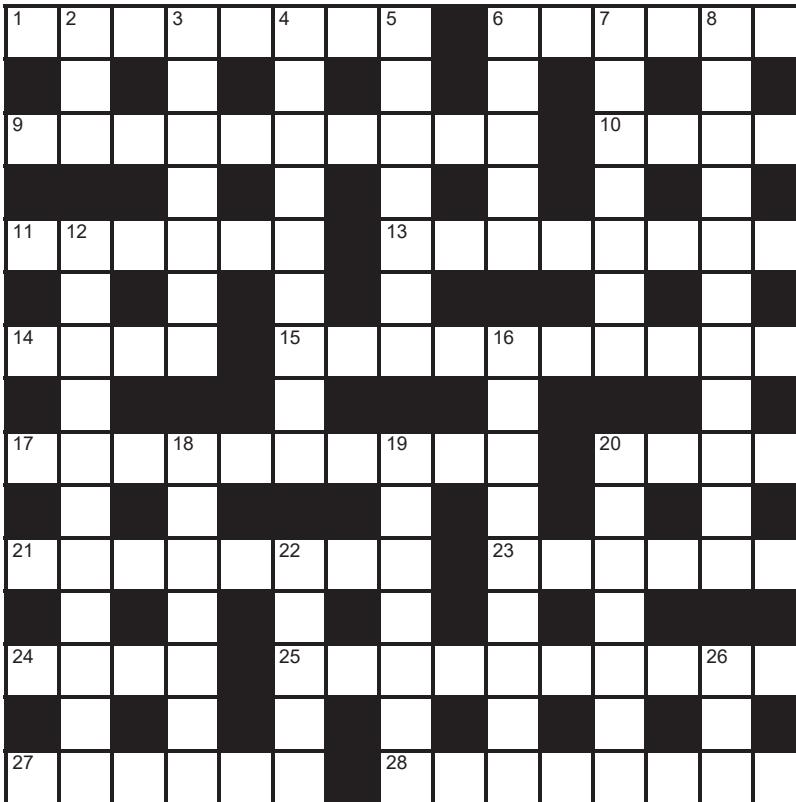


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ACROSS

- Monocle, say, decking the outdated girl (8)
- Nonsense surrounds development of epic muscles (6)
- Said bounder exercises right to have established character of Express? (6,4)
- Credit for pollarding Japanese shrubs (4)
- Left after a chap informally offers recess (6)
- Changing hands, art house that's dreadful nevertheless (8)
- Isn't commonly opposed to shifting one (4)
- Evil lady goes topless subsequent to rants about sin (10)
- Key drug in fruit engenders inactivity (10)
- Maximum offence taken in speech (4)
- Clapped-out, broken priest backsliding into fraud (8)
- Held forth split dictionary covers (6)
- Recognised landscape when escaping from trap (4)
- Busy magazine (7,3)
- Amorous rendezvous in street succeeded following test (6)
- Execute banter, repulsed by curt cad (8)

JOTTER PAD

DOWN

- Eulogy, off and on, uplifted solver? (3)
- Is broadcast guest drunk when hosting Oscars now and then? (4,3)
- Genuine gold article linked to endless lure (9)
- In hospital, encountered ace composer (7)
- Broke open ribs, gutted in bar (5)
- Gully caught ball before you see one run (7)
- Ignoring backside in hour-glass shape possibly leaves wedge-like object? (11)
- Perhaps tracksuit garland found on certain river (11)
- Old lizard's self-esteem stopping Truss bumbling round America (9)
- Bishop & Son supports English missions (7)
- Pin catches narrow zip (7)
- UK rock band identified with person's missing daughters (7)
- Annalist's case for peace process you'll support initially (5)
- Still going up bottoms of best people? Absolutely (3)