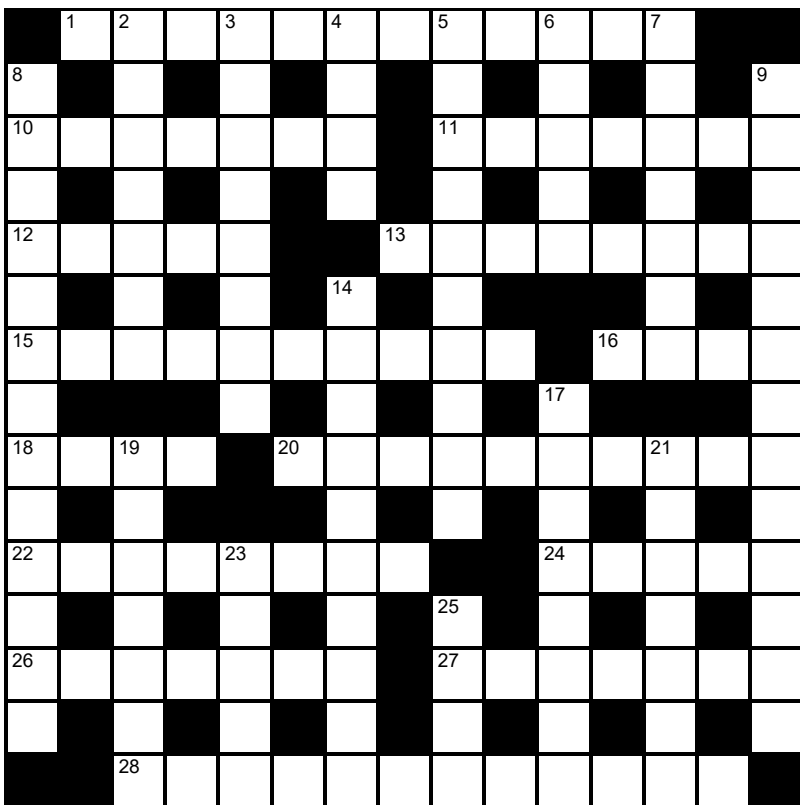


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ACROSS

- 1 Foreign Office probes favourite chum of Pooh — the ultimate in silly, fussy quibbling (12)
- 10 Sorry to fire inept person in the US (3,4)
- 11 Heavy-handed coverage of art history is boring in my opinion (7)
- 12 Major firm from the east made completely free wine (5)
- 13 Bloke from Rhyl killed retired assassin? Leave it out! (8)
- 15 See part of Rome? (3,7)
- 16 Peel knicks off (not Calvin Klein) (4)
- 18 Red Guards regularly let out mild oath (4)
- 20 Judge expressing hesitation twice about final vote (10)
- 22 Serve, volley: 1-0. That'll get girl animated! (5,3)
- 24 Notorious gangster shot English fowl (5)
- 26 Dad guzzling large cuppa at university High Table (7)
- 27 Company deficit initially indicated as 'huge figures' (7)
- 28 French aperitif Penny sent back — sounds like you meant rough Italian wine (4,8)

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JOTTER PAD

DOWN

- 2 Jets might touch down in this area (3,4)
- 3 Young rebel artist finally resembling Van Gogh? (8)
- 4 Alaska invested in iron forge (4)
- 5 Suffering, I get pre-war remedy for colic (5,5)
- 6 Former model spurns European trade fairs (5)
- 7 A bit of grey ash making a veil (7)
- 8 Directors uneasy with Pep's team's vibe (6,2,5)
- 9 Driver filmed holding up M1 gonna become furious, she's always whinging! (7,6)
- 14 Tight-wad bad guy Eliot who's never happy (6,4)
- 17 Some chap Luca employed turned up, admitting guilt (3,5)
- 19 Legendary Arab who's booked the greatest airline twice? (3,4)
- 21 Lodge uplifting opinion piece on Saint *Independent* featured (7)
- 23 Still time for competition (5)
- 25 City game that's greyish to look at? (4)



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