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JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Cut part, dry inside (6)
- 4 Coffee: fuel people needed after energy sapped, pleasurable rush initiated (8)
- 9 Smoker, say, successful doctor? (5)
- **10** Discussion of main guideline (9)
- 11 Voice of wet competed with leader of Opposition (7)
- 12 Irish entering China after European
- country ruled by prince (7) 13 Valley in Rhondda, legendary (4)
- 14 This oil, extraordinarily cold, treating everything (8)
- 17 Not good time to engage in playful banter (8)
- 19 Indian prince letting in a little light from the East (4)
- 22 Deadlock, devil and fool ending in stalemate (7)
- 24 Second, fourth and fifth absent in insect, termite (7)
- 25 Item filled with sweets, segregate supply (6,3)
- **26** Turner, some hero, tormented (5)
- 27 Neat moves by male, idle (8)
- 28 Stage where tale told? (6)

DOWN

- 1 Bottom team has support initially (8)
- 2 Band member in suit in seedy establishment (5.4)
- 3 Pinkish gagging order finally shut people up (6)
- 5 Scary old weapon loaded with wood
- **6** Some docket, piece run up, proof of purchase (7)
- **7** Dark colour constant in water (5)
- 8 Key member of cricket team? (6)

and metal, gun originally (5-8)

- **10** Declaration in type of word, bond (13)
- 15 Stamp letter (9)
- 16 Nearly half off sterling in month accomplished! (8)
- 18 With record on, queen and knight make out (7)
- 20 Tendons pristine in relative (6)
- 21 Dash it, dodgy reps coming first! (6)
- 23 In alphabetical order, where 'B' is for 'Bucatini', say? (5)