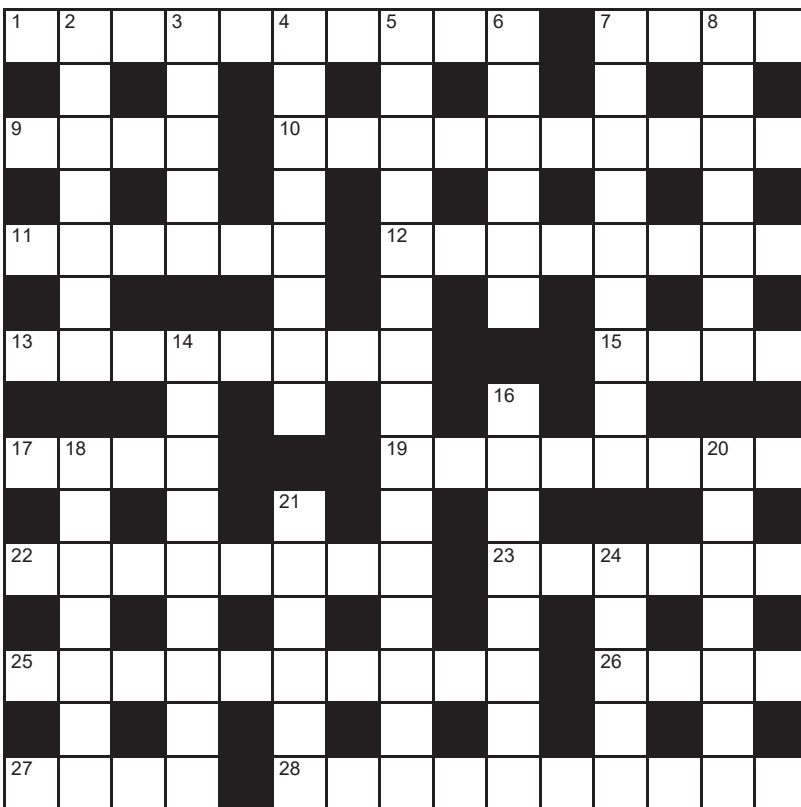


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JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 When former lover's gone, court getting involved is unsurprising (2,8)
- 7 Papers love ultimate local hero (4)
- 9 Long story of decline drags in the middle (4)
- 10 Ready to start breaking unruly piebald on the shortened riding track (6,4)
- 11 Girl's education fell short (6)
- 12 Bag last nook to sleep by fire (8)
- 13 Spare viper winding through clipped grass (8)
- 15 Key European agreement about time off allowed (4)
- 17 Employed second hand (4)
- 19 In Yorkshire anything's brought round church, including pound in small change! (8)
- 22 Be right describing story as more dynamic (8)
- 23 Feel embarrassed when country gentleman's abrupt with maiden (6)
- 25 Firm designed useful prop (10)
- 26 Friends backed horse finishing last (4)
- 27 In Paris I occasionally yearn for Hector (4)
- 28 Self-taught person possibly out-performed during one routine (10)

DOWN

- 2 Worry is eased by the ocean (7)
- 3 Ten which provide inside information (1-4)
- 4 Deeply involved in space base, with days orbiting earth (8)
- 5 IT for the bike? TNT Sports decide against (5,6,2,2)
- 6 Foreign money raised runs everything supporting party (6)
- 7 Four caught in deadlock showing no emotion (9)
- 8 Capitol is out of sight (7)
- 14 Sprinkle wine over vegetable (3,6)
- 16 Gave comfort to only daughter after swindle (8)
- 18 Fit special size uniform on soldiers (7)
- 20 Going on and on about amazing choir touring north (7)
- 21 Some lassies take a snooze in the afternoon (6)
- 24 Persuaded girl to interrupt rude outburst (5)