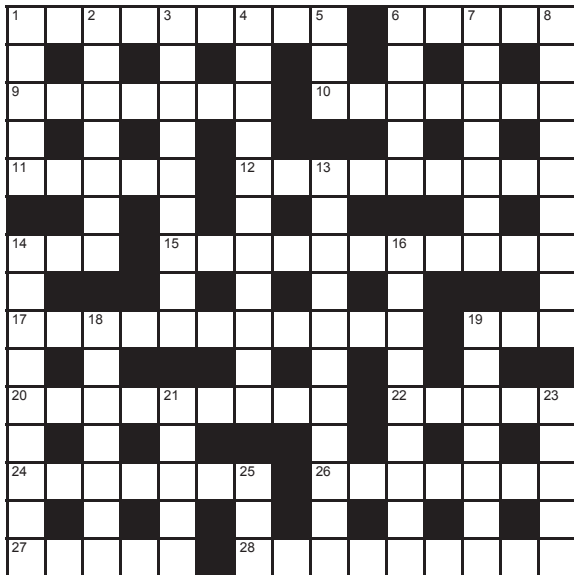


CROSSWORD

No. 15,303 Set by SLEUTH



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Instant ocean's made out around front of planet – familiar sight for astronauts? (9)
- 6 Understand concealed difficulty (5)
- 9 What lead can do is to lead players? (7)
- 10 Indian dish served back in a yard by guy (7)
- 11 Savour European river when cycling (5)
- 12 Inventive poet's near universal language (9)
- 14 Boring instrument everyone mentioned (3)
- 15 Old lecturer probing part of body and learning about source of blockage? (11)
- 17 Police beside old British base in island start fighting (4,2,5)
- 19 I approve in retirement exotic fish (3)
- 20 TV staple provided by a poet and artist (4,5)
- 22 Acknowledge daughter in unending friendship (5)
- 24 Element in profligate that's unvarying (7)
- 26 Unclear tax since modified with no end of fuss (7)
- 27 Extended period for kippers? (3-2)
- 28 Liberal economic tenet that could be rated? (4,5)

DOWN

- 1 Very aggressive companion restrained by chairman (5)
- 2 No-go law to be scrapped – self-inflicted mistake (3,4)
- 3 Old-fashioned copper on time with a strong jaw? (6-3)

- 4 Erratic tube loathed very quickly (2,3,6)
- 5 Some web businesses in decline (3)
- 6 Rush with energy once depleted to get aid for the vulnerable (5)
- 7 Pitman, say, with skill put up with pitman initially deficient (7)
- 8 Mass in Athens? (3,6)
- 13 Right in power with right backing Argentinian and US politician (11)
- 14 A new claret's ordered – typical of some stately homes? (9)
- 16 Match last word and last letter in bequest in will (9)
- 18 Complaint with a certain length? (7)
- 19 Knight, a scholar entertaining friend in capital (7)
- 21 Hunter among Maori onlookers (5)
- 23 Noble feature in book (5)
- 25 Unlimited pottery showing supernatural being (3)

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