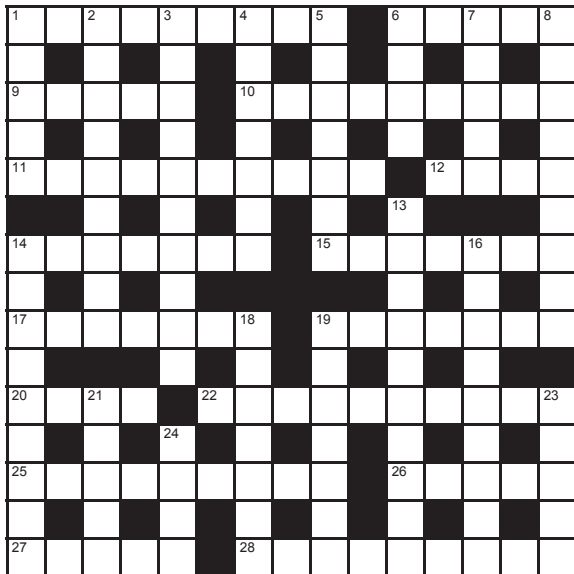


CROSSWORD

No. 15,864 Set by SLORMGORM



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Mock lack of ability? That's not Liberal! (9)
- 6 One associating with awfully nice old folk (5)
- 9 Senior metal worker wife's walked out on (5)
- 10 Set up body to go after one of May's lot? (9)
- 11 Sort out rotten ally in a patient manner (10)
- 12 Contrary types leaving doomed vessel Polaris? (4)
- 14 Thoughtful writer I've to host September 1st (7)
- 15 Unhappy about vacuous Swede, he's a pathetic sort (3,4)
- 17 Is angry witness close to tears describing article? (7)
- 19 Company dispatch about head of music is a load of rot (7)
- 20 Holy leader explodes when son turns to ecstasy (4)
- 22 Conservative on at Brand about illegal stuff (10)
- 25 Somewhat tight pants worn round Arkansas by one's husband (9)
- 26 Sin of wife-to-be bishop ignored after pressure (5)
- 27 Holy known for cannonball delivery - duck! (5)
- 28 One such as Chris Evans takes the biscuit! (6,3)

DOWN

- 1 Incompetent and still replacing rook with pawn (5)
- 2 Laziness on decline after making some changes (9)
- 3 Jet's cargo ultimately fine in near miss while flying? (3,7)

- 4 Perfume to make someone hot under the collar (7)
- 5 Puzzle needs original name at top? Good point! (7)
- 6 You might say Murdoch is a bit of a looker (4)
- 7 Break out flipping unadulterated drop of tequila (5)
- 8 Seriously bad trainees found around Norway (2,7)
- 13 Bit of the bible, perhaps, that stuck in my throat? (5,5)
- 14 Office rang, but Henry's out (delayed for a bit) (9)
- 16 Love a tandoori to be done in a new way (9)
- 18 Sleeping sounds no good beneath hoisted manacles (7)
- 19 Catholic at church working to become popular (5,2)
- 21 Hooded coat found in primary recreation ground? (5)
- 23 Foremost of doctrines by which Mark lived (5)
- 24 Dull person can be a pig by the sound of it (4)

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