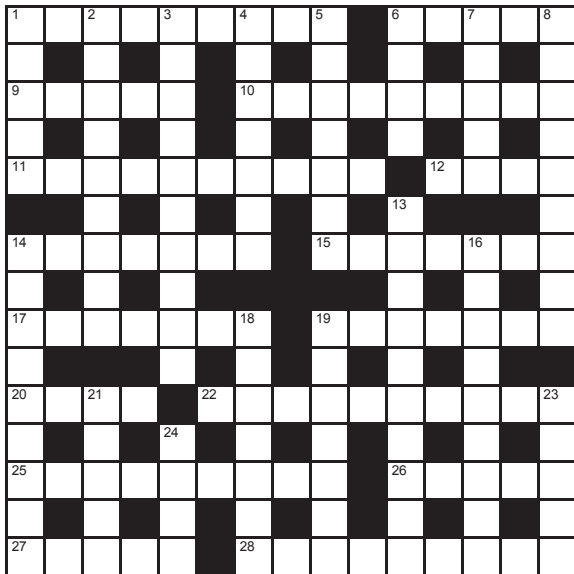


# CROSSWORD

No. 15,887 Set by MUDD



**JOTTER PAD**

## ACROSS

- 1 Fish rest on something sharp (4-5)
- 6 One may be in the bar, and also on the counter? (5)
- 9 Adjustment in rates, something shocking? (5)
- 10 So good work reversed by parasite in bouncer (4,5)
- 11 High point, around one of seven likely to vote Conservative? (10)
- 12 So the horses usually slow starters? (4)
- 14 Solid record recalled, capturing male on piano (7)
- 15 He struggled to get away from posh duke in house in Italy (7)
- 17 Important time to close packages (7)
- 19 Most industrious transport site frantic (7)
- 20 Show attractive person cutting fringe (4)
- 22 Those beaten when Grand National favourite comes in without backing (5,5)
- 25 Forbid redirection of indirect trains, primarily (9)
- 26 Party political conference ends after a setback for brand (5)
- 27 Two boys like George and William, perhaps? (5)

**28** Try democratic process initially with a payment for sponsor (9)

## DOWN

- 1 Built – that could be erected? (3,2)
- 2 Amorous surprise awfully grim, OK as lips finally parting? (9)
- 3 Theatre lifted, producing acting (10)
- 4 Grass inspiring present thought (7)
- 5 Swine painting himself originally, English painter (7)
- 6 Steamy thing in film, is this? (4)
- 7 Near outstanding energy in noise from charger? (5)
- 8 Temporary to forcibly budge? (9)
- 13 Cook deals with quail in Mexican dish (10)
- 14 Ad I love, right cheeky thing? (9)
- 16 Not even a queen, I suspect, possessing beautiful skin (9)
- 18 Top – or end – of flight? (7)
- 19 Within foundation, charge ticked off (7)
- 21 Shame about hospital appearing terse (5)
- 23 Divorce is capital! (5)
- 24 Test held by inquisitor, a laugh (4)