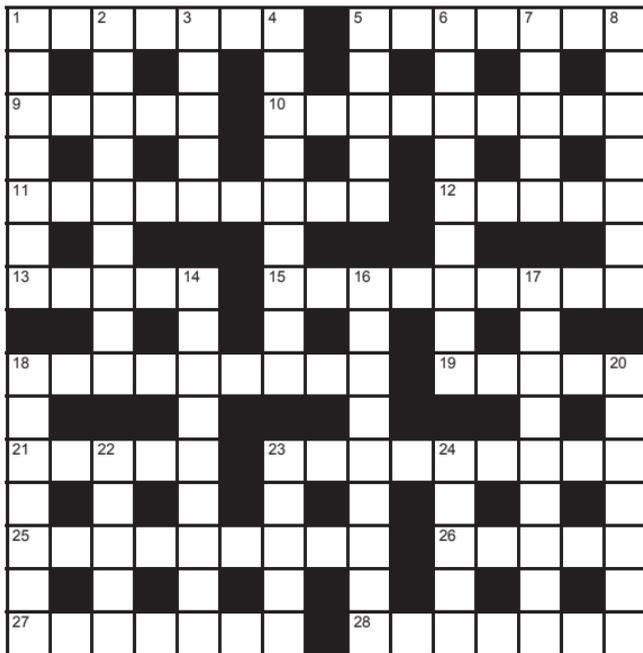


CROSSWORD

No. 16,143 Set by NEO



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 With little room in tents pitched around river (7)
- 5 Ganesh as traitor to an extent in Hindu writings (7)
- 9 Cautionary signal: right time to leave dance company (5)
- 10 Defence intelligence placed within hours on the spot (9)
- 11 Disturbing to confuse sin with virtue (9)
- 12 Old characters making comeback exit play without permit (5)
- 13 Grand accommodation for new union member (5)
- 15 Communicated with paper boy (9)
- 18 Leaving ceremony is routine, girl admits (4,5)
- 19 Elegantly simple opener from Hitchin Town (5)
- 21 Saw woman for example headed west (5)
- 23 Robin left-wing as Bert's revolutionary? (9)
- 25 Attempt to murder Caesar? (4,4)
- 26 Forcibly expel ringer leaving one large church (5)
- 27 Genuine assistance for auditor is passed on (7)
- 28 Given income? At finish was in debt! (7)

DOWN

- 1 Good conclusion to bad action film (7)
- 2 Score from ace cricketer getting runs in defeat (9)

- 3 Lost – died in foreign land (5)
- 4 Shy girl, doubly feminine, one needs to impress (9)
- 5 Eddy initially showing desire (5)
- 6 Museum loan has me crippled (9)
- 7 Time wasted in member's area (5)
- 8 Embarrassed because pressman eats meat (7)
- 14 Hired soldier showing forbearance about near-disaster? (9)
- 16 Music, not French, stirred English blood (4,5)
- 17 Naval base provides cover in South Africa on run (5,4)
- 18 Nonsense writer without the polish (7)
- 20 Man had to suppress desire to be married (7)
- 22 Iron block in Roman villa (5)
- 23 Reckoned explicit kiss should be cut (5)
- 24 Hydrophobic sailor with freehold? (5)

Solution 16,142

