# CROSSWORD
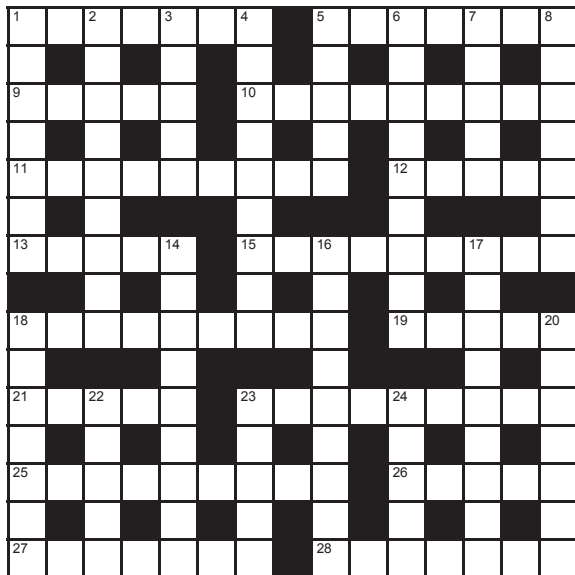## No. 15,726 Set by NEO

**JOTTER PAD**

## ACROSS

**1** Petitioner lets one go that's noisy (7)

**5** European politician in tax storm (7)

**9, 15** Disciple with virtue gives explanation for incompetence (5,9)

**10** Pie cooked to fix a northern gourmet (9)

**11** Unrealistic contract is sealed by Independent editor (9)

**12** Little swimmer takes part in elite training (5)

**13** Nurse gets husband out of danger (5)

**15** See 9

**18** Cat may be animal hard to catch indeed (9)

**19** Classic film festival allows in 50 approximately (2,3)

**21** Silver inscribed with second name between (5)

**23** NY speed cops initially reported Bowery girl? (4,5)

**25** Priest beats wickedly hot girl (9)

**26** Make low noise devouring fine gammon (5)

**27** Clear about health initially, one given too much wallop (7)

**28** Rubbish PM keeping job (7)

## DOWN

**1** One imitating policeman lives in vacant yurt (7)

**2** Leading in a race, three males going round lake (2,3,4)

**3** Papa runs into trouble in cruellest month (5)

**4** Mystical system Henry introduced to strange Soho type (9)

**5** What sort of man was Kim Philby? (5)

**6** Witty remark about compilers with long whiskers (9)

**7** Sun god deserts Mycenaean princess awaiting power (5)

**8** Tax on wine old news in Times (7)

**14** Member given blame in the shoddy newspaper (9)

**16** Obtain stewed meat – it's Beefy! (3,6)

**17** It revitalises heart with due deference to God (9)

**18** English getting aboard must stop vessel (5,2)

**20** Old country house secured in 24 hours (7)

**22** Have say in Co-op in Eltham (5)

**23** Forcibly remove speaker's refreshment (5)

**24** Elvish giant oddly dismissive over nothing (5)

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