

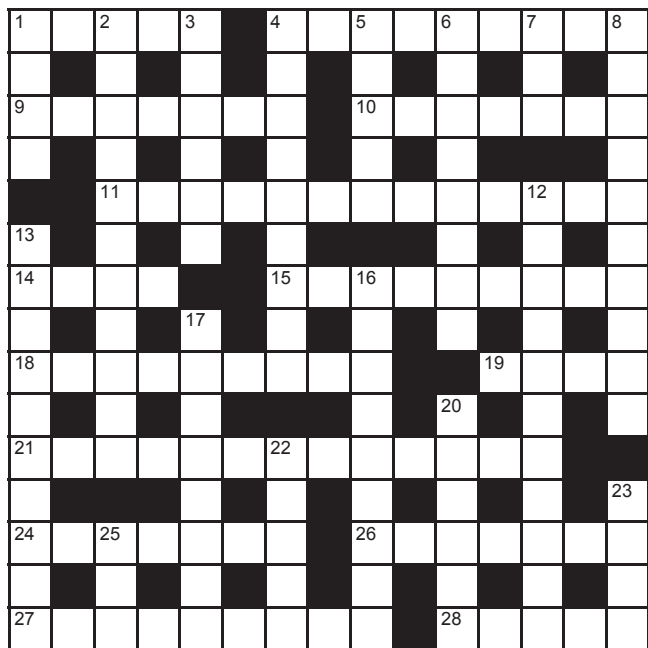
# Crossword 15,779 Set by Redshank

## ACROSS

- 1 The King is missing in Delaware? Do some digging! (5)
- 4 Tie up rock half-heartedly in retreat, creating space (5,4)
- 9 Dawn French, one in funny series she's finally left (7)
- 10 Country's merit realised to some extent (7)
- 11 Papers I study with bird (Yankee) on deck (8,5)
- 14 Four ugly odd characters to be avoided in party (4)
- 15 A piece of drapery hides her top and big slip (9)
- 18 DUP's money infuriated Banksy for one (9)
- 19 The last bit of Peter Rabbit is ultimately axed (4)
- 21 European banks invested in separate main shareholder (6,7)
- 24 Painter gets help with a ground, this one? (7)
- 26 Operations room which enrols English engineers (7)
- 27 Step and cross over entrance to 26 (5,4)
- 28 Señorita has one until decorum hides it (5)

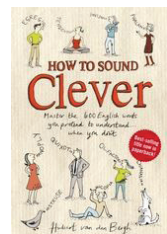
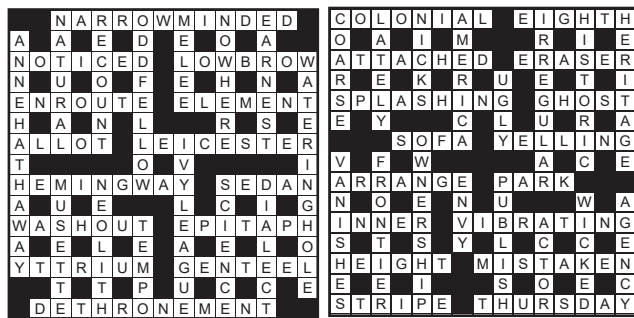
## DOWN

- 1 Clean American shakes blankets (4)
- 2 Means to take off kit at top of stairs? (7,4)
- 3 Earl told story about duke that's suppressed (6)
- 4 Alien wins approval and drops restricted viewing (9)
- 5 City of misguided Bretons who've given up working? (5)
- 6 Flier that describes new centre of Bath (8)
- 7 It's used initially on all rivers (3)
- 8 Assessments of chap's gonads promoting energy (5,5)
- 12 Gemstone extracted from Tyrol cracks (4,7)
- 13 Note a poet and artists producing TV shows (4,6)
- 16 Old school masters block change (4,5)
- 17 Sloth for example in exotic garden gallery (8)
- 20 A doctor endlessly probing moggie's condition (6)
- 22 Boss recruits apprentices to make instrument (5)
- 23 Give up broadcast on radio (4)
- 25 Centre of open area's small, round and green (3)



## Solution 15,778

## Solution 15,767



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