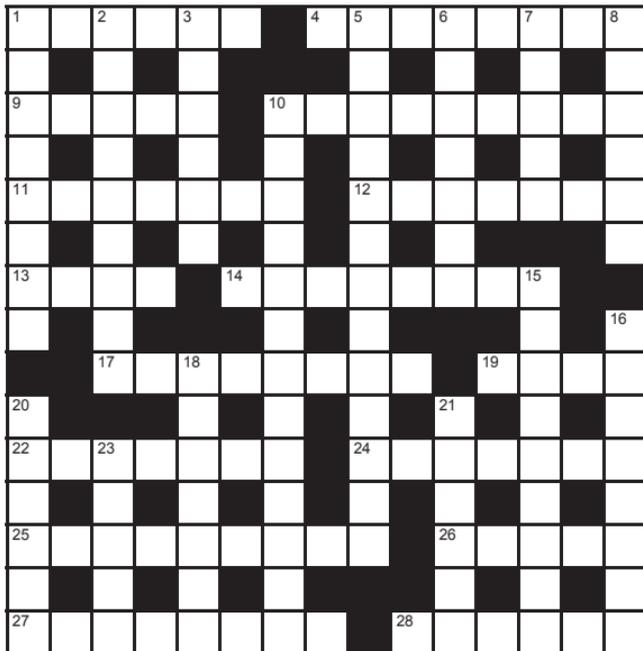


CROSSWORD

No. 16,405 Set by SLORMGORM



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Take a break around middle of April (6)
- 4 A party fit to welcome Republican darling? (8)
- 9 Tot close to hyena could create this! (5)
- 10 Part of animal that strikes a snare? (9)
- 11 Yellow bird (7)
- 12 A whole chunk of bread? (4,3)
- 13 After sending off No. 1, linesman scoffs (4)
- 14 Wine ruined careers, head of news admitted (8)
- 17 New romance found around old country (8)
- 19 Teacher in toupee rejected by university (4)
- 22 Agency in charge of plants and animals (7)
- 24 Old boy won't be seen with hawk-eyed man (7)
- 25 One might be very cold and also a gossip (9)
- 26 State of shock enveloping infantry at front (5)
- 27 A Ruskin novel about inventor's final venture? (3,1,4)
- 28 Cases of swimming costumes (6)

DOWN

- 1 Being thus, one is unable to get off horse (8)
- 2 It is clear criminal is hard-headed (9)

- 3 Shorts-wearing leader has no trousers (6)
- 5 Perhaps one voting for two parties is a traitor (6-7)
- 6 One returning to work needs CV with flair ultimately (7)
- 7 Bishop with troubles escapes from predicament (5)
- 8 Some helpdesk I'm operating for a foreigner (6)
- 10 Chopper logs? (6,7)
- 15 What might be ridiculous to a dunce and I? (9)
- 16 People who make a living as stock-takers? (8)
- 18 Keep an eye on idiot visiting heathland (7)
- 20 Agree with critical description of Tory! (6)
- 21 Margin used in a preparatory textbook (6)
- 23 Scrap ending in rioting cats and dogs? (5)

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