

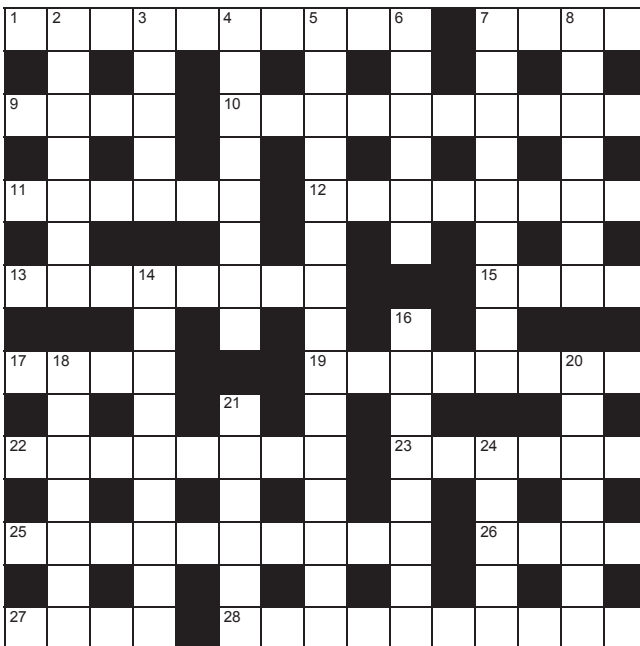
# Crossword 16,454 Set by Redshank

## ACROSS

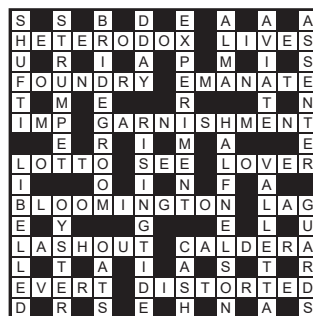
- 1 Part of film in France tormented mercenary (10)
- 7 Churchwarden perhaps just beat earl (4)
- 9 End time in boat (4)
- 10 Party lackey impresses at authority (10)
- 11 Stray rook follows opposite directions (6)
- 12 Finger impression provided in case of injury (8)
- 13 Rum old man hosts returning groups of soldiers (8)
- 15 Ladies' fingers soak bread, missing odd bits (4)
- 17 Hill-dweller accommodates posh relative (4)
- 19 Break in travel for refreshment (8)
- 22 Jack sliced fruit and chopped vegetable (4,4)
- 23 You and I chase horse hitched to black trap (6)
- 25 After meal, hands in this brown gel if spoiled (6,4)
- 26 Bouncer primarily manages space (4)
- 27 Teetotal bishop repelled old scorer (4)
- 28 Impassive royal couple placed in stern (5-5)

## DOWN

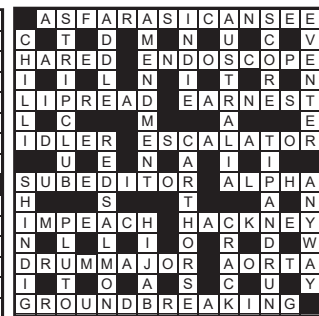
- 2 The Gunners draw contest for dominance (3,4)
- 3 Bass hiding in European sea plant (5)
- 4 Councillor and nearly all the foreign staff (8)
- 5 Search one country to secure safe access? (11,4)
- 6 Note upcoming cheese agent (6)
- 7 It's fed to cat perhaps for keeping you sweet (5,4)
- 8 Present teacher and revolutionary judge (7)
- 14 Grinding gears tend to become separated (9)
- 16 Insert line in notice for pedant (8)
- 18 It's pointless wasting fluorine gas, for instance (7)
- 20 We split apart, staggering (7)
- 21 Manage transport at university (4,2)
- 24 Edited UK-Arab article omitted religious coverage (5)



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Solution 16,443



Jotter pad