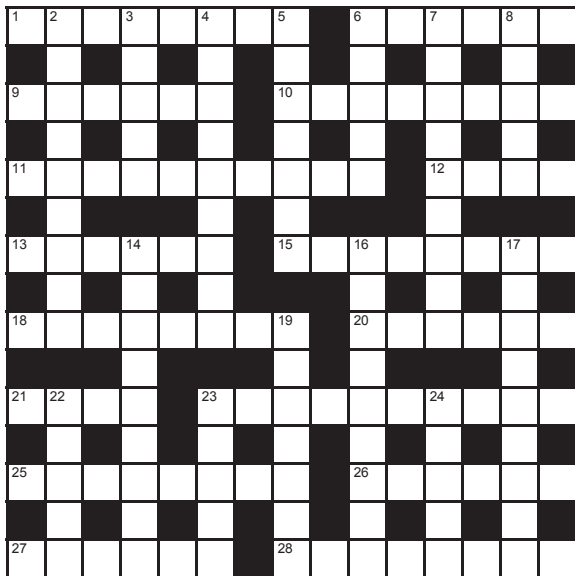


CROSSWORD

No. 16,044 Set by CHALMIE



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 State essentially giving rector restorable friary (8)
- 6 Warning about Belgium's Einstein? (6)
- 9 Taps notice backing energy food (6)
- 10 Crackers pieces about one small copper (8)
- 11 Determines position of sea otter in difficulties (10)
- 12 Slippery customers were flush occasionally (4)
- 13 Force, in step, suffocate (6)
- 15 Maybe Ferdinand's holding very dry dishes (8)
- 18 German aristos could be sex party guests (8)
- 20 English flower festival (6)
- 21 Friends hit back (4)
- 23 Gross me out, somehow, with where relatives may sleep (10)
- 25 Organised the Panel for Endangered Species (8)
- 26 Investigation about fraudulent royal ends in Leeds? (6)
- 27 Fail to start job, longing to return to islands (6)
- 28 Ants held off My Little Pony (8)

DOWN

- 2 He comes into estate to sort out their iron (9)
- 3 What you're looking at – a prosperous part of England (5)
- 4 They measure exposure to nasty green spot (9)

- 5 Judge, stripped bare, nibbled the queen (7)
- 6 School groups lose 150 fools (5)
- 7 Old character taken in by telco set-up – they're not fair! (9)
- 8 Hands over worried predator (5)
- 14 Suddenly admits man's embarrassing situation (5,4)
- 16 Display equipment is £1,000 less after climbing mushrooms (9)
- 17 Fruit gone off before people look inside (4,5)
- 19 Covers Sarah Huckabee Sanders initially taking fierce criticism (7)
- 22 More competent constable redoubles arrests (5)
- 23 See through poet's sauce (5)
- 24 Flyer's a six-footer, head-to-toe (5)

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