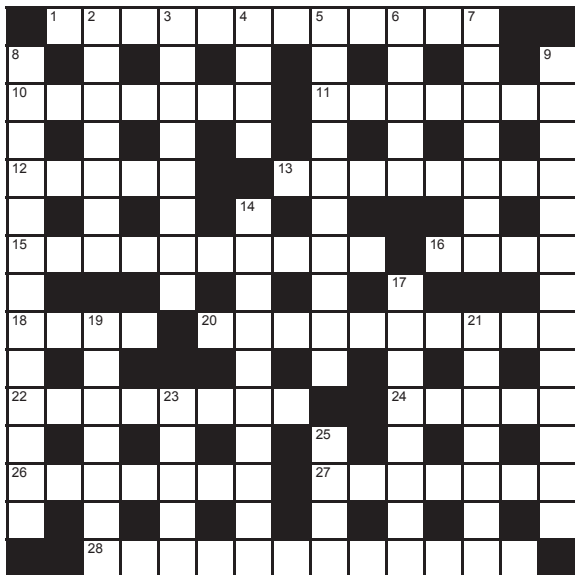


CROSSWORD

No. 16,045 Set by JULIUS



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Bosnian-Serb hitman ably adapted to take over role opposite 8 (9,3)
- 10 Male baddie, one getting stripped for some fun with The Widow Twankey? (7)
- 11 Run with a dribble to bamboozle the French (7)
- 12 Name model sporting hat (5)
- 13 English golfer with established club (8)
- 15 60ish, I'm about to see United relegated from league in 3D (6-4)
- 16, 22 Animal-loving doctor, victim of murder in US, endlessly left 12 upset (4,8)
- 18 Shift miles left – not right! (4)
- 20 Scrumpy flagon finally gulped, Ms Fitzgerald's due off stage by midnight (10)
- 22 See 16
- 24 Yours truly in bed. A heavenly sight (5)
- 26 Source of ready cash guarded by stingy butcher (7)
- 27 Armour plate, 50% iron lining, copper bottom (7)
- 28 Angry Nimrod moans about wife seeing a funny little bloke in a flat cap (6,6)

DOWN

- 2 Steak, for the most part, way over cooked (7)
- 3 Bushranger reporting rogue elephant running round Eastern Denmark (3,5)
- 4 Holy Island regularly ignored His own law (4)

- 5 Prepared tea tray he'd ordered (2,3,5)
- 6 Created German tabloid podcast (5)
- 7 Artist loved by 16, unknown, niche, upwardly mobile, bespectacled (4,3)
- 8 Visiting Japan, Tom? I'm Ed, a method actor specialising in drag (9,4)
- 9 ... playing in drag titles; a major star (7,6)
- 14 New Amazon rival knocking out five for a tenner as advertised on the radio (5,5)
- 17 Builders tea accompaniments? About right (8)
- 19 Birmingham team at home one behind, getting the crowd screaming? (7)
- 21 Business graduate stuck in Galician city – what a pain! (7)
- 23 Fiddle, without piano, becoming more mellow (5)
- 25 Lighter, small Jersey perhaps (4)

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