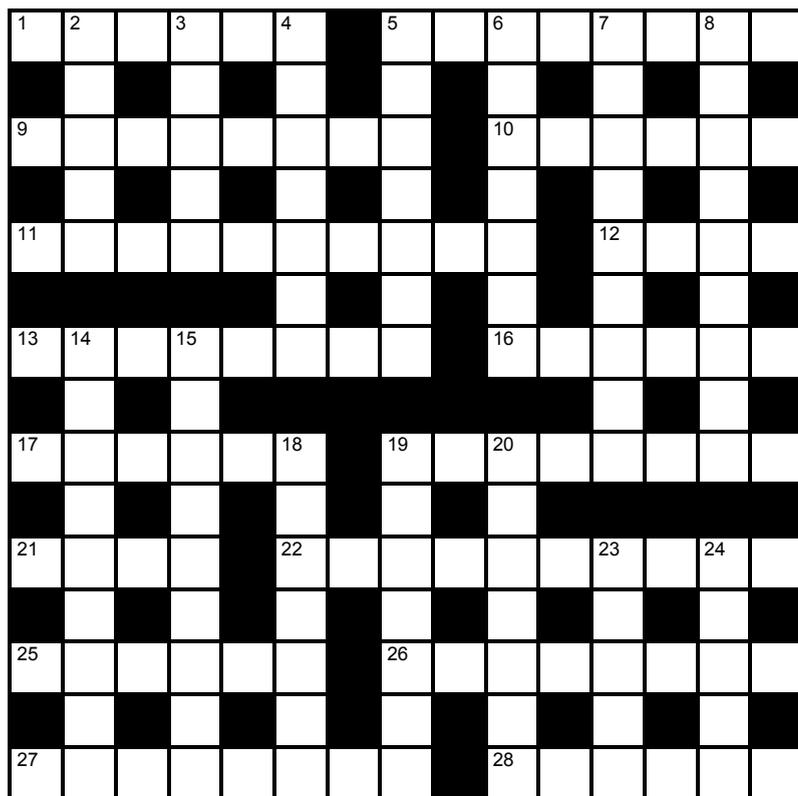


A Puzzle by Gazza



Across

- 1 Ousted skipper has time to curse (6)
- 5 To scratch around for a warning in latin's no good when engaged in *coitus interruptus* (8)
- 9 Explosive - it may end unstable (8)
- 10 Hacked-off Scotsman and German make merry (6)
- 11 'Healthy food party' unfortunately ends with daughter knocking out son (5,5)
- 12 Old Welsh striker's feeling of euphoria (4)
- 13 Fraud claiming authorship of blog? (8)
- 16 Went delirious when caught inside (6)

- 17 After informant flipped journalist got stabbed (6)
- 19 "I agree with Nick" man's not special assistant, surprisingly (8)
- 21 In times past the old hoarded gold (4)
- 22 When it's around the claret's kept out of sight (10)
- 25/23 Pansy's ungrammatical seaside appeal? (4-2-5)
- 26 Middle falls out of elegant foreign novel in flimsy cover (8)
- 27 Wrestled with a dodgy old design (8)
- 28 Jump at sound of second shot on film set (4,2)

Down

- 2 Chicken course? (5)
- 3 Queen has good look round pasture (5)
- 4 Ronnie Kray, for one, knitted women's clothing (7)
- 5 Celebrated with lager followed by runs (7)
- 6 Determine to be member of panel assessing commercials? (7)
- 7 Tendon injury to leg after old copper's trip (9)
- 8 String 'em up brigade start to change, imprisoning street thugs (9)
- 14 Working as a guide begin to make liquid nitrogen (9)
- 15 Oceans keep sides

apart outside normal playing times (3-6)

- 18 Faffs about, content to edit her script (7)
- 19 Drove forward with knight rather than trailing rook - got repulsed (7)
- 20 Handy for parting shot later on (7)
- 23 See 25 Across
- 24 Vote for the future (5)