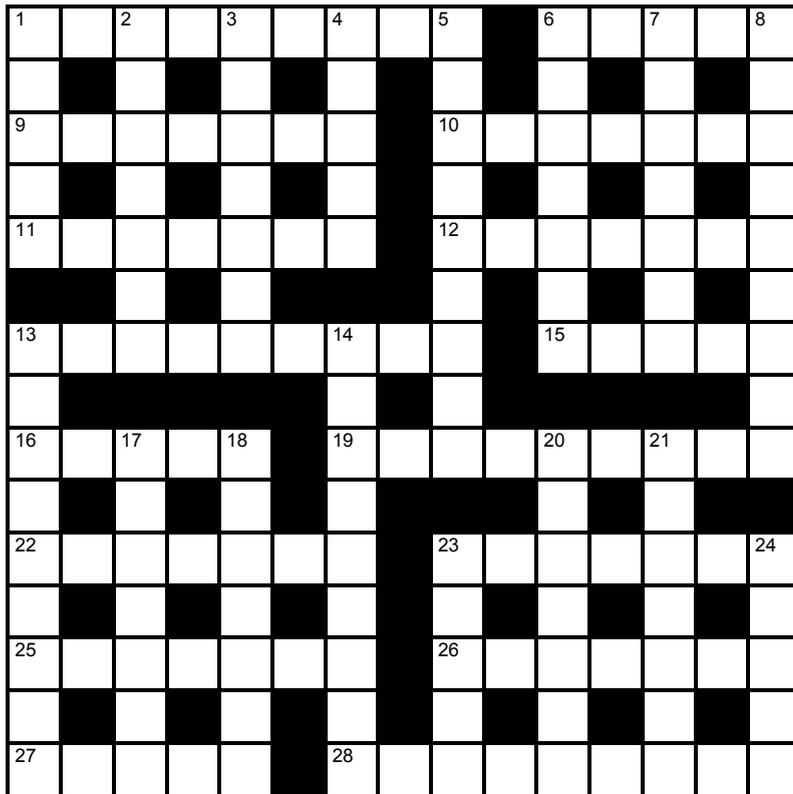


## NTSPP - 145 by Gazza



### Across

- 1 Balls dropped in front of partner (9)
- 6 Starts to drain radiator in plumbing system and makes wet patch (5)
- 9 Order to leave cancelled after broadcast (4,3)
- 10 Poorly judge? (7)
- 11 Dire? It's a nauseating piece that, in retrospect, is even more repugnant (7)
- 12 Be meticulous to keep a clear head (7)
- 13 Howlers made by pupil expunged from bible's racy translation (9)
- 15 Soldiers tuck into champagne en route to the theatre (3-2)
- 16 Note by academic fieldworker? (3-2)
- 19 Genuine in one's illusion (9)
- 22 Batting's more positive for one prepared to take risks (7)

- 23 She's thoroughly steeped in her faith (7)
- 25 Intimidated by wine of a fresh variety (2,3,2)
- 26 Spooner's headgear provides opening for queen (3,4)
- 27 Again rally periodically, in the pink? (5)
- 28 Spooner's confused with news about one out of favour (3-6)

### Down

- 1 Animal issue could go either way? (5)
- 2 Old show house (7)
- 3 Tenor enthralled by Beethoven's work - it's rousing stuff (7)
- 4 Porky fellow's stuck in river - he won't get out for ages (5)
- 5 Injured in some war, he carries on (9)
- 6 Sat up guarding knight in iconic exhibition area (7)

- 7 Call over some colleagues I met in travelling north (7)
- 8 You'll get it if you come out! (6,3)
- 13 Arranging for reduced dose to be taken in future (9)
- 14 Build up bonfire in preparation for clearing annoying problem (9)
- 17 Anguish of old man consumed by endless passion (7)
- 18 Training ground for old linesmen where they worked round London area (7)
- 20 Mixed up English team, one short of members? (7)
- 21 After a couple of circuits the French get frozen extremities (7)
- 23 Business trapped by embargo may be Danish (5)
- 24 Easy shot for soldiers put on hold (3-2)