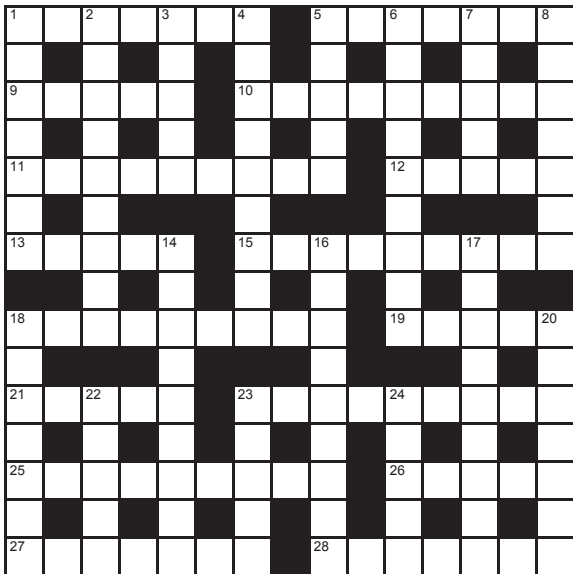


CROSSWORD

No. 14,154 Set by NEO



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Better walk at leisurely pace in much-decreased gravity! (7)
- 5 Writer in fictional realm wants start in Republic (7)
- 9 Mandela party visits New York City (5)
- 10 Some hobbit children disagreed (4,5)
- 11 Religious campaigner favouring cuts on film (9)
- 12 Girl Brisbane lesbians hold back (5)
- 13 Record ushers in unknown Hungarian composer (5)
- 15 English work in US appreciated over Ecstasy Complex (9)
- 18 Sportsman revealed spiritual knowledge in forecast (9)
- 19 Elegantly simple opener from Halifax Town (5)
- 21 As Poe being mysterious for fabulous writer (5)
- 23 New wife probably in jail (9)
- 25 Right man respected in coming into organisation that drives country (9)
- 26 North African location where enthusiast returning lives (5)
- 27 Hard to exit playhouse – last to leave is antiseptic producer (3,4)
- 28 New recruit drops from sky through sporting target (7)

DOWN

- 1 Regular classes taken by inexperienced driver (7)
- 2 Batter often aims for declaration (9)
- 3 Productive hen still held in both hands (5)
- 4 Sellers and Lister are in brawl (9)
- 5 An old Labour leader in the air (5)
- 6 Unusually big cat came in – rubbed round leg (5,4)
- 7 Elizabethan writer Grey at last promoted (5)
- 8 Showing anger after welcome is mean (7)
- 14 Rhino and bat help to get at provisions (3-6)
- 16 Alsatians on the loose find mugger (9)
- 17 Greek leader soon accepts brave Frenchman (9)
- 18 Yokel cut hearts from birds (7)
- 20 Gypsies regularly seen in contemptible place where RC governs (4,3)
- 22 Disgraceful mark time erased in Greek letter (5)
- 23 New filling for cheese offers solution (5)
- 24 Another redundant spear-carrier (5)

Solution to Saturday's prize puzzle on Saturday November 17
Solution to yesterday's prize puzzle on Monday November 19
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