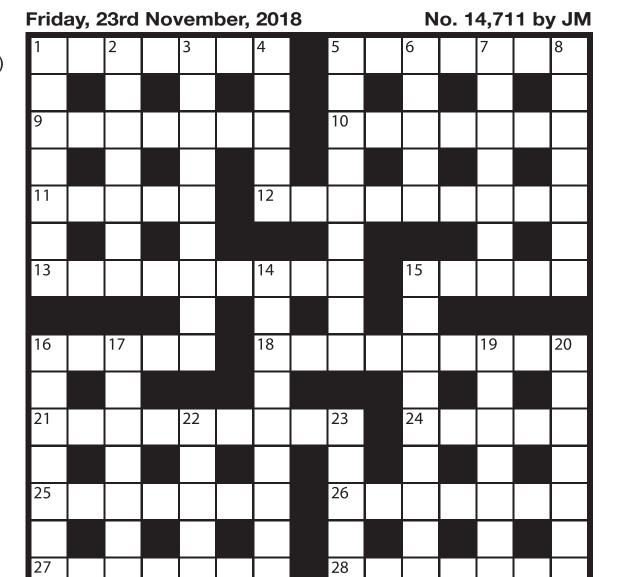
ACROSS

- 1 Chose to cross line, getting drunk (7)
- 5 Wine marinade blended with no end of gin (7)
- **9** Aware of intellect, feels uncertain lying initially (7)
- 10 Fancy that chap in care, upset (7)
- **11** What a cowboy needs from girl with nothing? (5)
- 12 Odds justly becoming lively (9)
- 13 A cop gets a worried fall guy (9)
- 15 Respond and cater for changes (5)
- **16** To sleep rough across river is rubbish (5)
- 18 Discount logical inference (9)
- 21 Delights of USA repel reformed republicans at last (9)
- 24 Objective to board ship for dispatches (5)
- 25 Bread man with a note (7)
- 26 Parking prone to be flexible (7)
- 27 Boils with anger given views about article (7)
- 28 The most offensive status is French (7)

DOWN

- 1 Spots politician in mountains (7)
- 2 Game held by American as tasteless (7)
- **3** Felt differently concerning small amounts of surplus food (9)
- 4 Idiots told off before start of service (5)
- 5 Ceremonial staff in parliament assessed and wasted away (9)
- **6** At home, embraced by setter perhaps fitting the bill (5)
- 7 Lethargy in a tie fixed to smother resistance (7)
- 8 Shrink from any last unravelling (7)
- **14** Hospital workers seeing instructions to conceal misrepresentation (9)
- **15** Decline in trade rose since restructuring (9)



- **16** Savagely despotic without love for shows (7)
- 17 Ring exercises with speed work (7)
- 19 Base one? Good lord (7)
- 20 [Nascent] Emerging name with a fragrance (7)
- 22 Secret store of wood under way (5)
- 23 Marvellous drink soldiers lifted (5)