## **ACROSS**

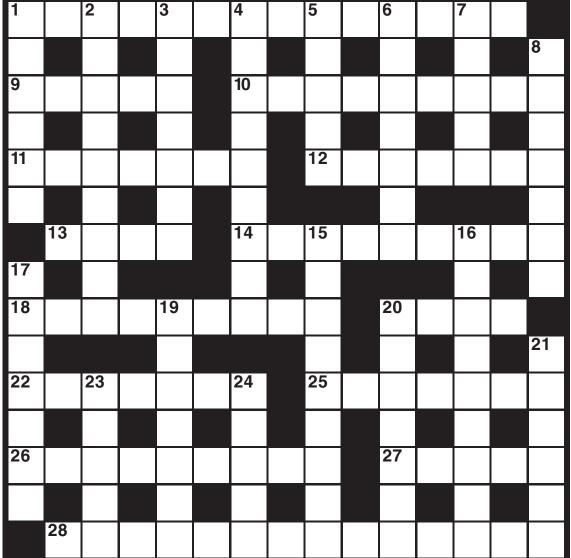
- **1** Celebrate lavishly for launch? (4,3,4,3)
- **9** Spontaneous remark made by wayward lad to one bishop (2-3)
- **10** Frontman, here with hesitation (9)
- **11** Turning in prisoner in front of grotto (7)
- **12** Obvious pronoun to admit case (7)
- 13 Viewer's complaint is it typed regularly? (4)
- **14** Haughty devil won't open grave (9)
- **18** Referring to flow of water regularly coming round (9)
- 20 Sounded frail for some time (4)
- 22 Party requests about six I sent out (7)
- 25 Work outstanding amount for a small creature (7)
- 26 Clumsy arrest organised inside UK port (9)
- 27 Learner phoned back to make knot (5)
- 28 Girl's date is a let-down (14)

## **DOWN**

- 1 Quietly managed this French dance (6)
- 2 Bad-tempered or nice? Let out against the odds (9)
- **3** Responsible for late mob rioting (2,5)
- **4** Former student in fit of the sulks, I've produced swear-word (9)
- 5 New Open University having the edge (3-2)
- 6 Chirpy bird on the stereo equipment? (7)
- **7** Female relative losing head has to loosen up (5)
- 8 Demonstration in favour of 5-day cricket (7)
- **15** Medley to flow in or tip out (3-6)
- **16** Make too much of being in charge of the nation (9)
- 17 Pirates all at sea travel wearily (7)

## Saturday, 20th January, 2024





- 19 Chunky area round building (7)
- 20 How trug is made, shaped (like iron?) (7)
- 21 Charm a stubborn person, last to depart (6)
- 23 Drive out to get composer (5)
- **24** Moved through water quietly, finding marsh (5)