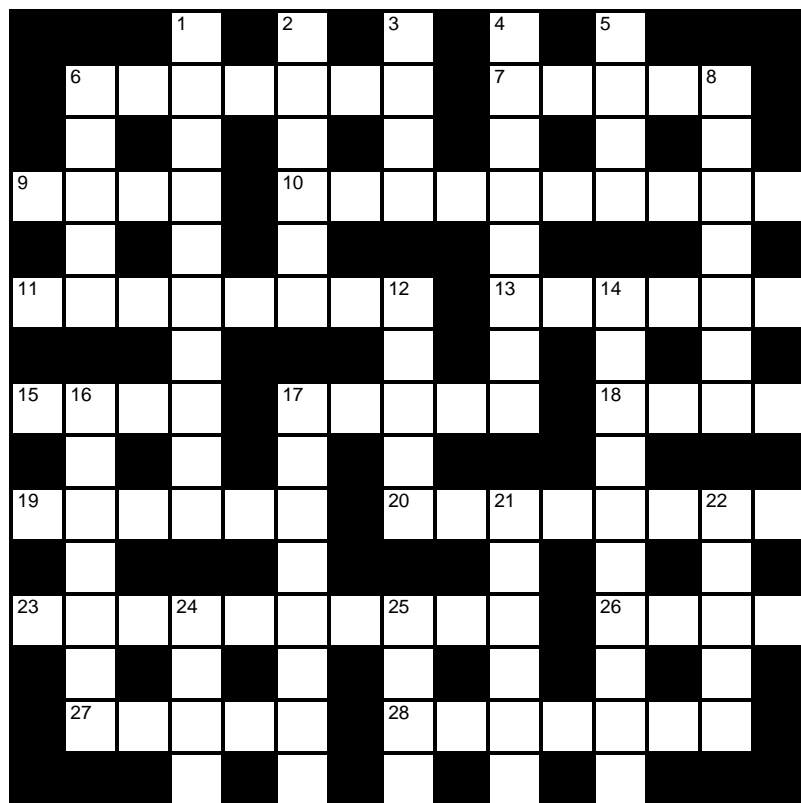


Cryptic Crossword No.68



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Across

- 6 Two hot drinks next to posh stately home (7)
- 7 It could be tragic if ricochets occur near young heads (5)
- 9 Go with a hollow look (4)
- 10 Responsible for new ale bars struggling (10)
- 11 They complain as rugby players run around hospital (8)
- 13 Inspire trendy hothead with beer (6)
- 15 Valley I located after packing (4)
- 17 Suppose some colleague's sick (5)
- 18 Papa takes on mature servant (4)
- 19 Thingamajig is initially what I would briefly acquire (6)
- 20 Public relations against the Islamic State can lead to extremists becoming pure (8)
- 23 Characters in dhow or ship fulsomely showing admiration (10)
- 26 Inmates of Belsen freed otherwise (4)
- 27 Struggling to get virtual monarch? (5)
- 28 Visualized utilitarian processing plant (7)

Down

- 1 Sleep with family circle's tableware (6,4)
- 2 Hippy movement recognised broadcast era (3,3)
- 3 Shock comeback for madmen (4)
- 4 Six counties met Tyneside with awkward spin. They're bowled over! (8)
- 5 Make river flow uphill for star (4)
- 6 Argue for fifty in notes (5)
- 8 For the audience you will record festive offering (4,3)
- 12 Run around wide expanse (5)
- 14 Theory he posits all over the place is hopelessly vacuous to start with (10)
- 16 Swim with nothing on in rough sea, fatty! (7)
- 17 They're supposed to turn on parts of guitars, perhaps (1-7)
- 21 I replace lawns, not blood (2-4)
- 22 Secretly reckon a salary's on the nose (5)
- 24 Runners starting to sprain knees in stilettos (4)
- 25 Trouble coalesces when energy is sapped (4)