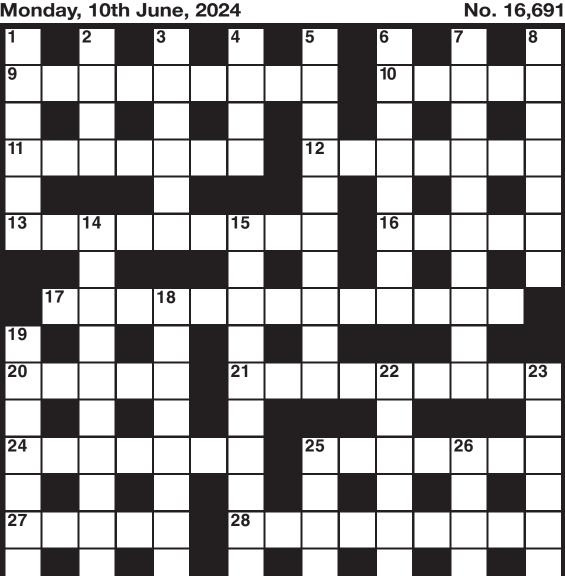
ACROSS

- **9** A game played on horseback eg is awful for poor specimens (9)
- 10 Opera taken into Scandinavia (5)
- **11** Harold taking length of nautical rope (7)
- **12** Not all demerara is in sponge cake ingredients (7)
- **13** Inn's going wrong by joining the club (7,2)
- **16** Martial art to conclude in knockout (5)
- 17 Footballer accepts order from RAF officer (4,9)
- **20** Values old local taxes (5)
- **21** Three fear confusion in future (9)
- **24** Attacks fashionable streets (7)
- **25** Article in marquees for occupiers (7)
- **27** Accoutrements somewhat eccentric (5)
- **28** Hormone is not placed inside heart (9)

DOWN

- 1 Cathy's cryptic craft (6)
- Dirty liquid on top of shoe (4)
- African national, thus neighbour of Niger (6)
- Tornado, perhaps, to twist (4)
- Is he starry-eyed about his job? (10)
- Richard caught in tangled nets, in trouble (8)
- A small indication intended as oral task (10)
- Graduates anon getting instrument (7)
- **14** Celebrities note rubbish soon after midnight? (10)
- 15 Earth science, with medicine, goes out and about (10)
- 18 Go by steamship on a French sea to obtain light, flimsy material (8)

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- **19** Turncoat, awful rat, one to run (7)
- 22 A United Nations connection with the BBC, perhaps (6)
- 23 Less cautious with some meat (6)
- 25 Some mighty revolving wheel? (4)
- 26 None prepared for the element (4)