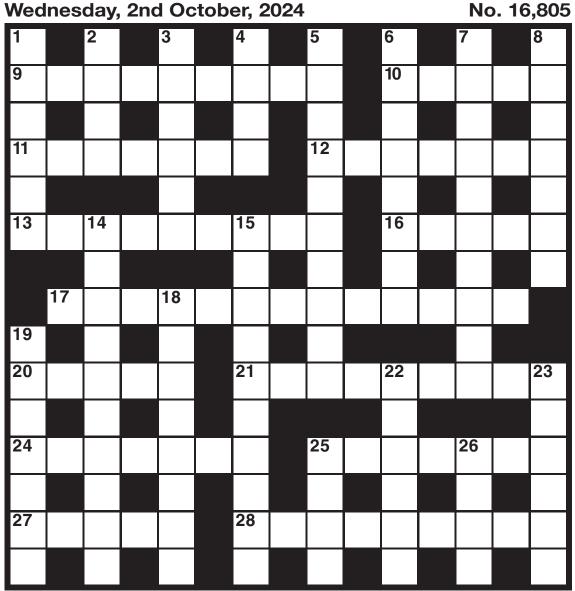
## **ACROSS**

- **9** Live with wild collies that are aggressive (9)
- **10** A Roman way to get indefinite number of birds (5)
- **11** Boy in Italy initially becoming Italian composer (7)
- **12** Level high ground where Paul ate rubbish (7)
- **13** Brewed ales again provide relief from pain (9)
- **16** Plans a side scuppered (5)
- **17** Here tablemats almost shine when polished (13)
- 20 Strong point of fifth citadel? (5)
- 21 No whisper about proprietary claim (9)
- **24** Free fermented lager ta! (2,5)
- 25 Vegetation to increase prepare to operate (5,2)
- 27 Get to know king before end of reign (5)
- 28 Emotionally cut in all respects (9)

## **DOWN**

- **1** Peninsula of cold region with no leader (6)
- 2 Jumble-sale refreshments (4)
- 3 Providing French wine during concert; that's generous (6)
- 4 Hat highest one (4)
- Monitor a bet, spoken roughly (4,4,2)
- Page with another diagram, for example (8)
- Golfer's pub, then inn with tee perhaps? (10)
- Hearing knight during one mission (7)
- **14** Strange Saturnalia from Down Under (10)
- **15** Outline outlet he is designing (10)
- 18 NB, errata irregular irregular! (8)

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- **19** Warm great flea fluttering around (7)
- **22** Official outer stream to thin out (6)
- 23 Father to give money to get a fruit (6)
- 25 Dispatch snow vehicle, it's heard (4)
- **26** Run away from lightning strike? (4)