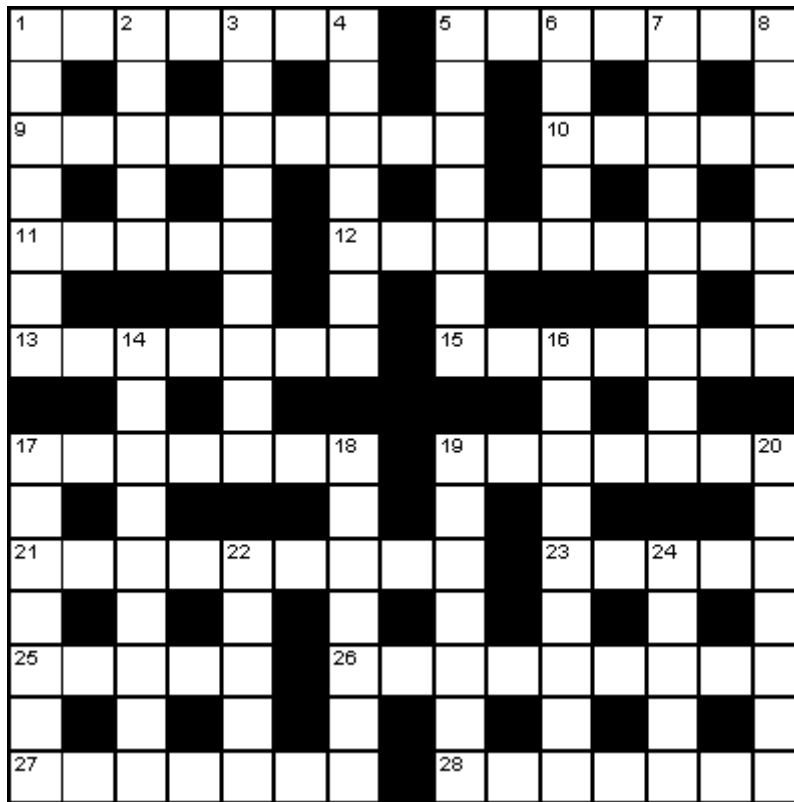


Guest Puzzle #1--April 2002 [Contributed by Michael Warburton]

About this Puzzle: This puzzle was contributed by a Puzzlecrypt.com visitor from the UK: Michael Warburton. Per Michael, "most readers should recognise it as a typical English-style 15 x 15 cryptic, as found in our daily newspapers. For the benefit of English readers, the level of difficulty is around that of the Daily Mail / The Independent."



Across

1. Beauty forces trainee into love affair (7)
5. Seasonal charge to take in Peter, maybe, before 4 (7)
9. Manage a fellow's body of work (9)
10. Works hard without string on frail vessels (5)
11. Edition that's full of lies is a non-starter (5)
12. Essential to see cars manufactured in New York (9)
13. Soldiers wear new ties during breaks (7)
15. Flirted with everyone - out of breath outside! (7)
17. Retired near The Thames (7)
19. Actress back to pursue hero (7)
21. Fights for market to change state (9)
23. Back at College at end of September, one records (5)
25. Mobile shelter, with front missing, to rent out again (5)
26. Outstripped French green wooden coating (9)
27. Bird in some Scottish island play (7)
28. Jumper development from one little European (7)

Down

1. Golf before noon - scraps tactics (7)
2. Lady removes it from seating arrangement (5)
3. On October 1st, let's meet together for a meal (9)
4. Painter of wine-producing valleys (7)
5. Beaten in sheep-shearing contest? (7)
6. No right to be in ship's ranks (5)
7. Putting up the price of tyres? (9)
8. Attempted a story for the newspaper man (7)
14. Enter organisation with a friend for ever (9)
16. Coat donated abruptly after mail-order (9)
17. Thickets open inside first countryside sanctuary (7)
18. Often framed, placed in the gallery, before judgement is passed (7)
19. The accused is sentenced to confinement for protesting (7)
20. Disturb angered rioting (7)
22. Used to back art, but not credited (5)
24. It's all right to take your own round the capital (5)