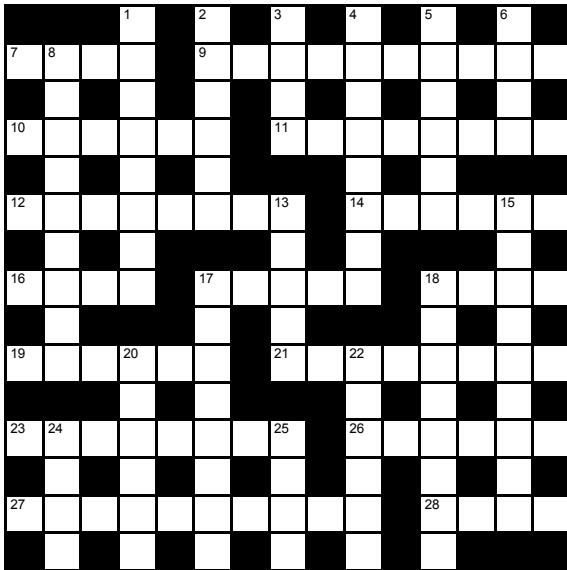


## MPP - 022 by Radler

*Radler tried to construct a puzzle with all 26 letters around its perimeter. Unfortunately he didn't quite succeed. However, after solving the puzzle you may notice that if he had replaced one of the answers with an anagram of itself, he would have achieved his aim.*

*What is the word he ought to have used?*



### Across

- 7 Karl's overture: German half-heartedly plucked instrument (4)
- 9 Merited pupil did as pupil should, both of us taking the lead (4-6)
- 10 Force or velocity etc.? (6)
- 11 One exclamation of annoyance interrupting another special game (8)
- 12 Opposites, North and South may not mix (8)
- 14 Location of Germany before a new and sudden change of direction? (6)
- 16 Twit(ch) (4)

- 17 I'm hurt, timid, restrained - just the opposite! (5)
- 18 Hillside in the North East, followed intermittently by road (4)
- 19 Italian island's hip parts (6)
- 21 K for Kir perhaps (8)
- 23 Inquisitive about America? Not Charlie's interest, that's excessive (8)
- 26 Speed limit due to frozen surface (6)
- 27 Hunting for family exhibit (5,5)
- 28 Dad returned earlier to make point (4)

### Down

- 1 Part impressed by old couple's dancing technique (8)
- 2 Characteristic arrangement, Queen pulled up short trousers on youth leader (6)
- 3 Cycled pedal cycle dressed in clothes (4)
- 4 Nothing odd in Arthur Daley's dodgy pageantry (8)
- 5 Beginning with nothing, forge one's name (6)
- 6 Disappear, missing a mealtime? (4)
- 8 DeLorean crashed into small trees (9)

- 13 One accepting one's limited by high cost (5)
- 15 Cold unless aroused, I am not totally anti-men (9)
- 17 Fish understand froggy speech (3,5)
- 18 Including hard bits means getting aside from the main subject (2,3,3)
- 20 Hospital partner of Bow School (6)
- 22 Czech Republic guards trace material (6)
- 24 Shortlist (not short on reflection), it's particularly fine (4)
- 25 With little delay, then working (4)