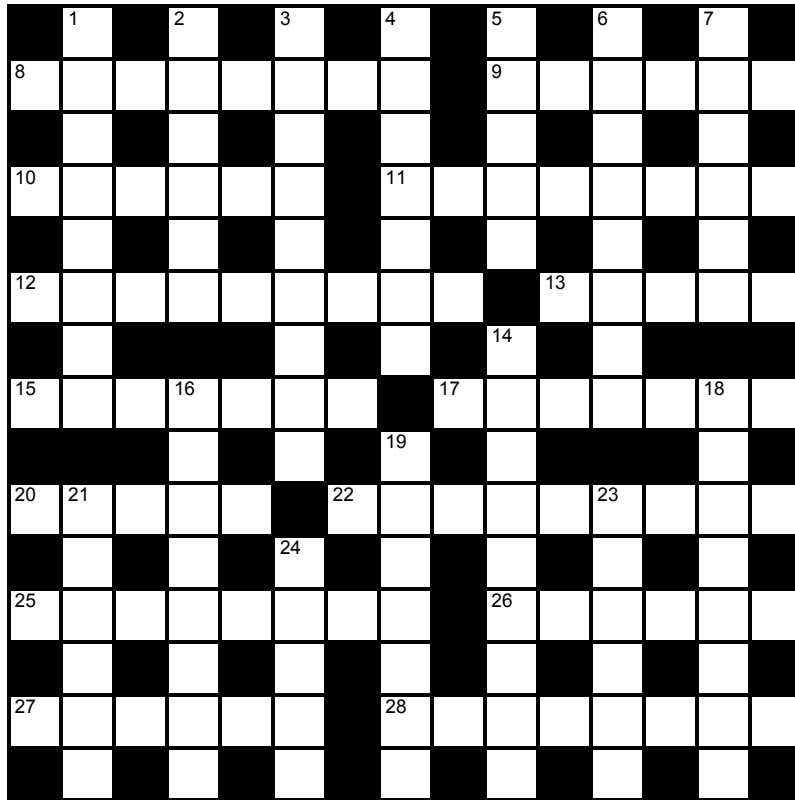


**NTSPP – 009**  
**Spot the Links by Tilsit**



*20a, 4d, 7d, 19d, 21d, 23d and 24d are all 14 down; as, it could be argued, are 17a, 1d, 3d and 5d. Most have no definition. Each clue (except 14 down) contains an extra word, the initial letters of which spell out three names associated with the theme.*

**Across**

- 8 Savage creature stirred near tame newborn (3-5)
- 9 One leaves one who leaves; ideally whence one leaves! (6)
- 10 Sit alongside Little Woman in causing a commotion (6)
- 11 Swallows most cash spent knowingly (8)
- 12 Stunned, as Malcolm Nash was famously half-a-dozen times! (3 3, 3)
- 13 Amazingly tender topless chest (5)
- 15 Title of Liberal opposition work studies? (7)
- 17 Olive deliberately stuffed into fish... (7)
- 20 ...often quietly in a timely fashion (5)
- 22 It's unusual that Juno became shy when Psyche replaced Queen (9)
- 25 From here the reality often appeared heavenly (8)
- 26 Dire happenings found somewhere in California casually (6)
- 27 Author and film director Lee collaborated naturally in this Asian city (6)
- 28 This form of diesel transport turned out practicable after losing broken tip (5,3)

**Down**

- 1 Found on beach, heartless hag's about (8)
- 2 Release the little French gentleman (3,3)
- 3 Turn sternwards, not having a right to young Prince William's old haunt (2,7)
- 4 Theoretically difficult start to suffer Rabies (7)
- 5 Unfit or ideally not (5)
- 6 Peacemakers left appalling General without authority (8)
- 7 Dish of potato pie's evidently not soft. (6)
- 14 See preamble (4-5)
- 16 Maybe deacon is responsible for relating to cleric's patch? (8)
- 18 Play family witnessing regal disaster (4,4)
- 19 To beat one comprehensively, after obscure point (7)
- 21 Speak after start of operatic performance (6)
- 23 Dexter's detective followed impulse (6)
- 24 Woman's satin skirt (5)