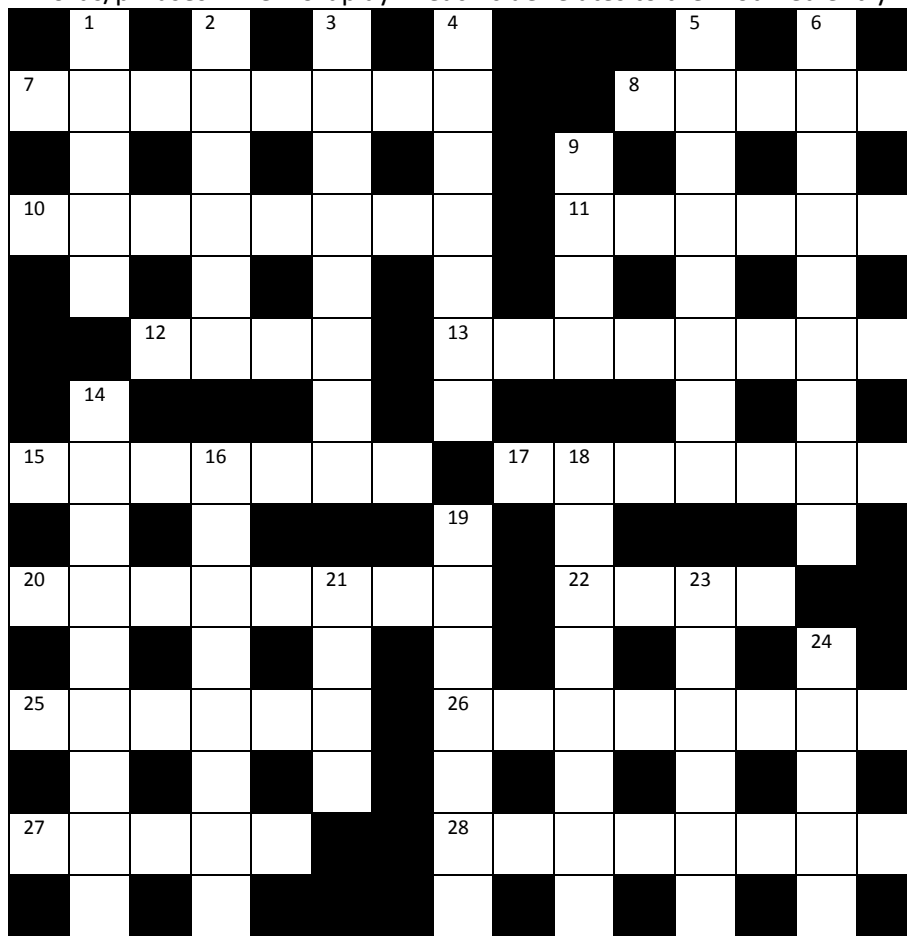


### SH! by Trigon

The title cryptically indicates a two-word phrase, which is to be entered at 7 8 (otherwise unclued).

All other entries are to be modified as suggested by this phrase, sometimes resulting in real words/phrases. The wordplay in each clue relates to the modified entry.



#### Across

- 7,8 *See preamble*  
10 Intimidate German, periodically detained for break-in (8)  
11 Trigon assuming controls when there are delays getting started (6, hyphenated)  
12 Liberal in outburst: "Maggie's afraid" (4)  
13 Ostracised thug involved with riot (8, two words)  
15 A cleric's retraction in impudent, short post (7)  
17 Acquit Leo, perhaps, then depose leaders and form new group (7)  
20 Indifferent A & R reception for album material (8)  
22 Palace secretary avoided trial (4)  
25 Majorities in Leith and Largs greater than 1 (6)  
26 Licence to perform reflectography invalidated; her rag's lost (8)  
27 Eccentric family at Number 11? (5)  
28 'Drink rules, OK' for reckless youth (8)

#### Down

- 1 Secretive huddles linking unscrupulous business leaders and Bush (5)  
2 Found in package upon a gelding ass (6)  
3 Raises a stink about a subversive column (8)  
4 Yellow substance in, for example, Moscow park; it's said, "Why pick it up?" (7, two words)  
5 Dim rant released as pop? (8)  
6 Journalist in European country airlifted to Hungary's capital (9)  
9 Use whip every other furlong (4)  
14 Consequence of firm trapping gangster in vehicle (9)  
16 Like a hare, dash with bounding run ... seized by tax authority and remanded (8)  
18 This Union's endless feud, with work in unproductive setting? (8)  
19 Appease separatists and find fault in retrospect (7)  
21 Drumming pattern using either hand? (4)  
23 Pen a Fifties throwback in basic 3/4 (6)  
24 Rejected parts characterised by mainly gross writing (5)