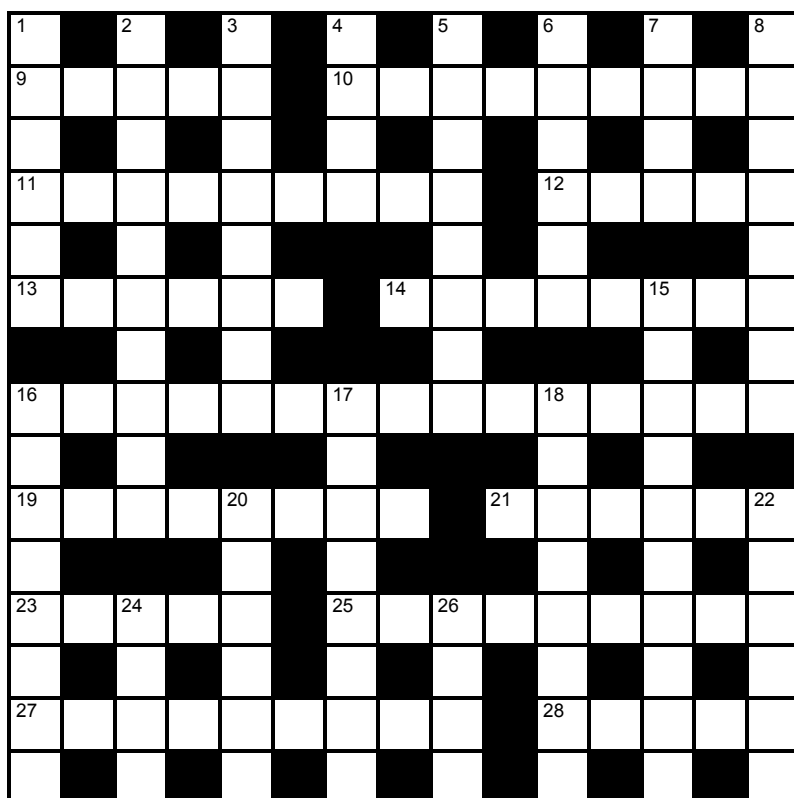


A letter is clued in six different ways in the puzzle



Across

- 9 Eager to play and harmonise (5)
- 10 A top jazz vocalist, without piano, without instrumental accompaniment (1,8)
- 11 Clare Short disciplined after firing fifty musicians (9)
- 12 Del Shannon – a blast after being sampled (5)
- 13 A good time girl suffering from athlete’s foot? (6)
- 14 23 to close tour after taking in Luxembourg? (8)
- 16 A line from Genesis number about Tesla, the revolutionary behind electrical inductance (3,5,2,5)

- 19 Cuts away the outer layers restricting escape (8)
- 21 A French Catholic boy with nothing on (6)
- 23 One so-named singer died – another lives (5)
- 25 'Twist and Shout' on the radio? That's odd (9)
- 27 Draw attention to minor hiding drug (9)
- 28 French composer is to compose symphony at last (5)

Down

- 1 A break in which you get to remove clothing? Yes (3,3)

- 2 Cricketer observes embellishments to score (5,5)
- 3 Clairvoyant left the tape running (8)
- 4 Oscar finally received by top lyricist (4)
- 5 Tatty coat found in Cambridge burial-place (8)
- 6 Old keyboard work performed by a Spider from Mars? (6)
- 7 Sing 'Bachelor Boy' when daughter's born (4)
- 8 Song of a loafer (8)
- 15 Set up with a student high-flyer for a lawyer (5,5)
- 16 Big ship getting close to the Bounty (8)

- 17 Perhaps make improvements to colourful English house (8)
- 18 Lambert encounters an Austrian composer who has no close friends (4,4)
- 20 Slight crunching of unopened oilnuts (6)
- 22 Suspensions in song covered by O'Connor? (6)
- 24 One of the old strings taken from a cello I've picked up (4)
- 26 Topless German may be crackers (4)