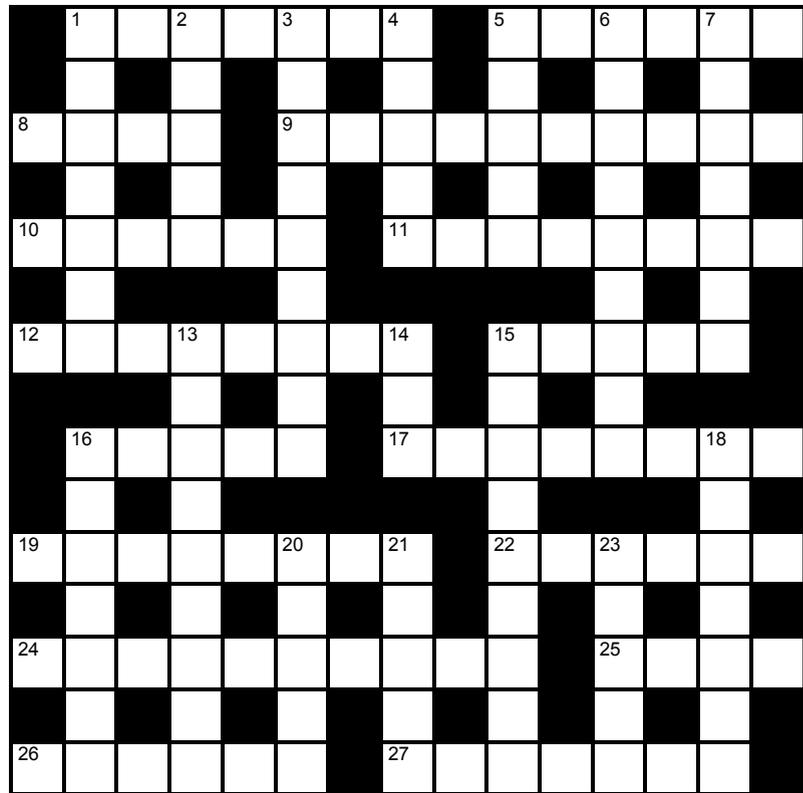


Sing a Song of Sixpence

Across

- 1 Background talk staged by 14 16d (7)
- 5 Cheshire East incorporating East Cheshire? (6)
- 8 14 16d get together on the phone (4)
- 9 Who are in positions with heads of management committees? (10)
- 10 14 16d (with 8) an awkward matter when hot (6)
- 11 Outside of old bakery, "kneaded" means to enter (8)



- 12 Suckers giving up drug for current leading light (8)
- 15 14 16d (with 5a) - it's round, ring inside ring, a large number (5)
- 16 Female arousing male lover (5)
- 17 Just about to change late in the day (8)
- 19 Told Alf to help getting signs ordered (8)
- 22 Getting aroused with a man on board (6)
- 24 Return home on strike, irate militant (10)
- 25 First-class 14 16d (4)

- 26 Judge Jenny? (6)
- 27 Squash 14 16d (7)

Down

- 1 Bring back memories again of everything originally in reverse (7)
- 2 Immoderate shoulder strap she drops clumsily stripping off (5)
- 3 Alas town imposed parking fee (9)
- 4 Advocate drinking latte at first without milk (5)
- 5 Groom Charlie, hairy but bald? (5)
- 6 Environmental

- Society ousts Liberal in radicalised Milton Keynes? (9)

- 7 Prepare to testify I got framed by wrong answer (5,2)

- 13 Shuffling off data there? (5,4)

- 14/16 4 and 20? (3,7)

- 15 Bury whoever rebelled miles uphill (9)

- 16 See 14

- 18 Romeo and Juliet united on coming to grief (3,4)

- 20 Hitchcock's subject more than one time? (5)

- 21 Public transport, then quiet walk (5)

- 23 Greek character old man abandoned to right stuffing (5)