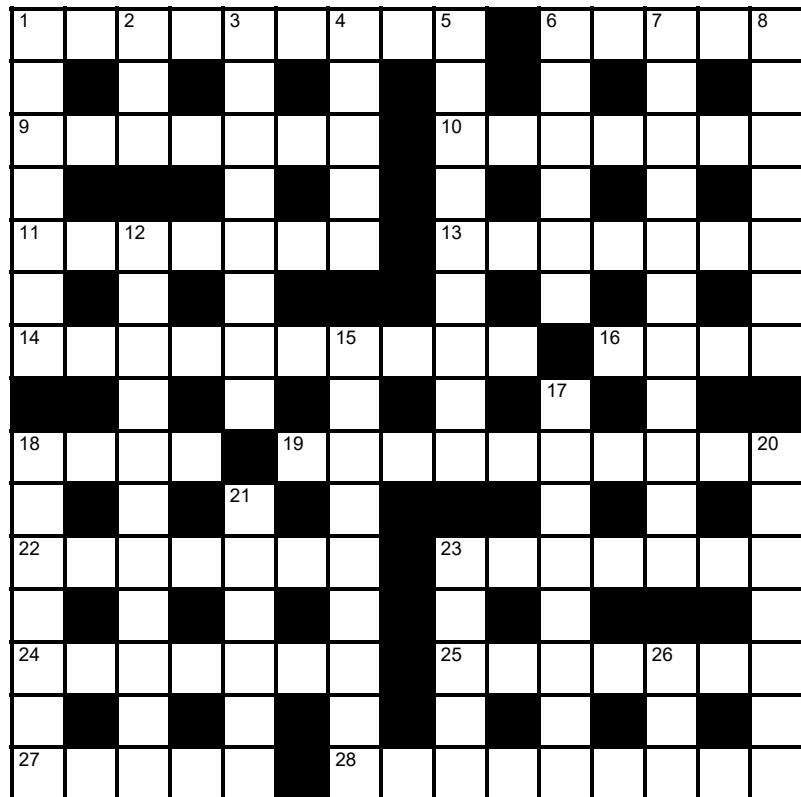


Across

- 1 Maybe 50% in charge sit back (9)
- 6 Drink tea after a little while (5)
- 9 Look after Bishop's position? (7)
- 10 Silver ring on the rocks (7)
- 11 Edged Bishop out as instructed (7)
- 13 Take a chance, attempt one hundred (3,2,2)
- 14 Carrier for 16 (4-2-4)
- 16 Release of prisoner delayed several seconds (4)



- 18 Group caught in traffic (4)
- 19 Dean and Priest wandering on foot (10)
- 22 Drop cancelled charge (7)
- 23 Crown court official lost last time (7)
- 24 He delivers old piece of cloth worn by Queen (7)
- 25 Reportedly regret insult? Nonsense (7)
- 27 Bad time for second trim (5)

- 28 Python and eel destroyed packing material (9)

Down

- 1 Who's a poser? (4-3)
- 2 Mature light beer - hands off! (3)
- 3 Mark current copy held in empty safe (8)
- 4 Walk or sprint up full of energy (5)
- 5 She performs, he can't, perhaps needs exercise (9)

- 6 St Stephen possibly spotted in Cromarty retreat (6)
- 7 Endorse notice such as "Please pay here" (11)
- 8 Slow movement with neat variation (7)
- 12 Blame error for server's problem? (6,5)
- 15 Where to gather evidence of runners with experience of drugs (5,4)
- 17 Introduction includes drums on a regular basis - it's magical (8)

- 18 Crop damaged - not hers (7)
- 20 Famous snooker player's lack of basic equipment? (7)
- 21 Sport's head ousted after initially jostling rider (6)
- 23 Fuel covering source of rare colour (5)
- 26 Dallas character, maybe climbing unclothed, fell (3)