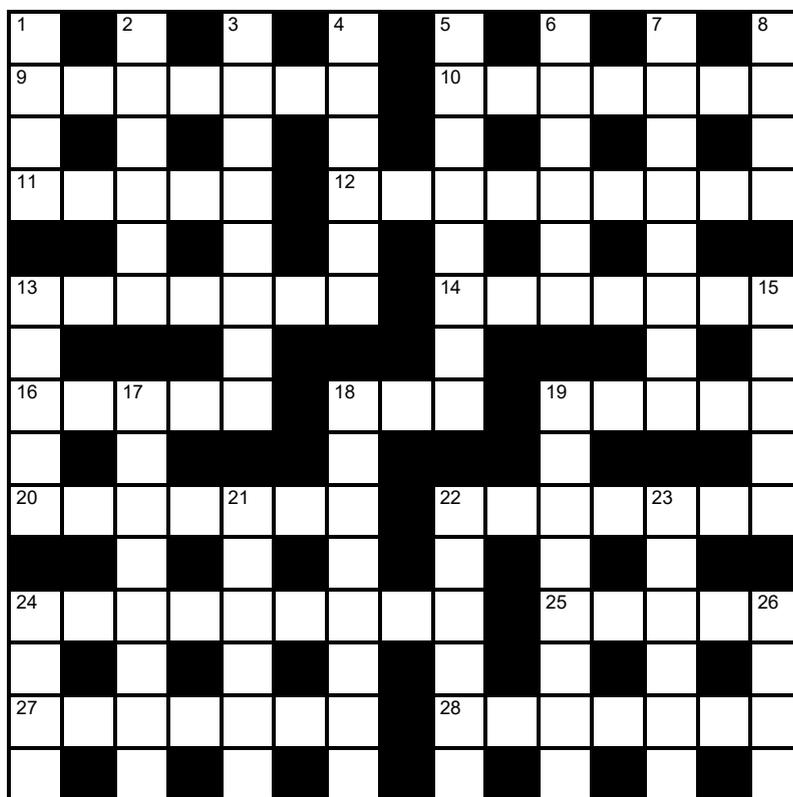


**Across**

- 9 Bolt? Regularly eat fast whole entree (7)
- 10 Common ground above a safe place (7)
- 11 Eton Mess gains special marks (5)
- 12 Service providers are pointless until joining cities without cold water (9)
- 13 Alan Sugar initials, puts pen to paper, and appoints (7)
- 14 Cool heads being lost at the polls, we hear? (7)
- 16 Probationary soldier on last of exercises breathes heavily (5)



- 18 Signal rod (3)
- 19 Technologically advanced vehicles suffer a setback (5)
- 20 Involve English Queen in limbo dancing (7)
- 22 Crinite, after it's western translation, becomes dark yellow (7)
- 24 Hippogryph is one taken to court, reportedly, with respect to my reversing? (9)
- 25 I slave endlessly to make divine juice (5)
- 27 Falls backwards again - .... artist! (7)

- 28 Period style from green regeneration on city outskirts (7)

**Down**

- 1 Left with beard this area needs a regular trim (4)
- 2 Images exposed to salts finally after very strong acid (6)
- 3 Scrabble games involving points for letters? (8)
- 4 Surrey Rams in compromising situations? (3-3)
- 5 Call men up for impossible manoeuvres without a second thought (8)

- 6 Punish again to reduce crudity (6)

- 7 Complicated, frolic-free multifactorial rearrangement yields final terms (8)

- 8 Northern folk miss the start of local programs (4)

- 13 Discovery, for example, of parish priest drowned in alcoholic beverage? (5)

- 15 Bristles at being pulled up in Bishop's Place (5)

- 17 Elemental type - arsenic, lead and sulphur complex belong (5,3)

- 18 In Africa lend a rand to secure a table of dates? (8)

- 19 Spills the beans about Eastern race fixations (8)

- 21 Even words from Noel's TV show are a struggle. (6)

- 22 Rare machine conversely captures image collector (6)

- 23 One hip mobile device (6)

- 24 Rotten, rotten! (4)

- 26 Solar travellers make contact on the radio, on the radio,...? (4)