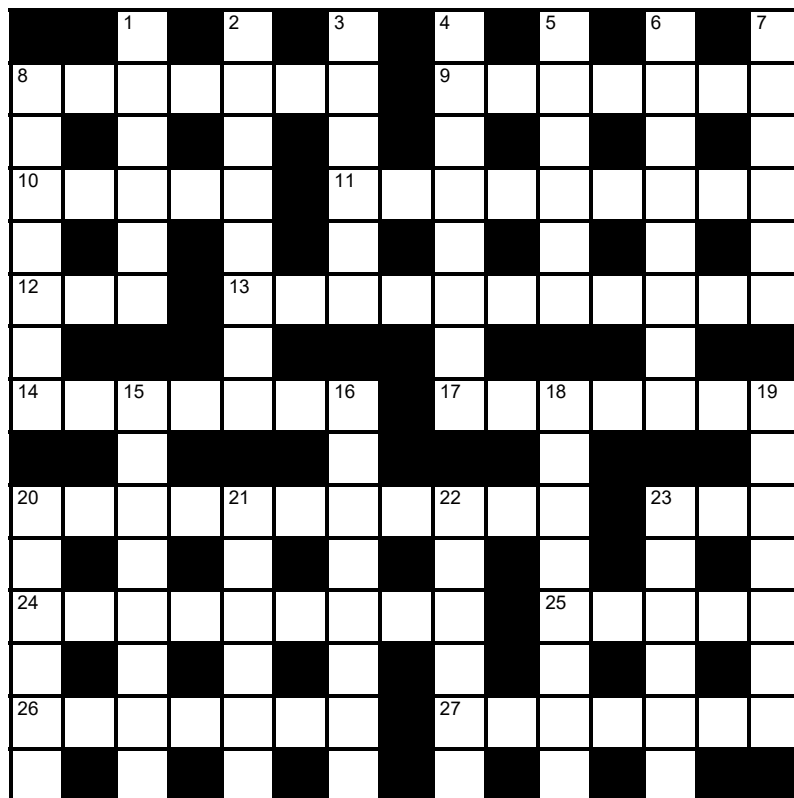


Across

- 8 Follow Australian native meeting Ex (7)
- 9 Serviceman or men gathered outside church (7)
- 10 Wasted time, scrap after fine (5)
- 11 Grip speculator, what with? (9)
- 12 Gallery's unfinished self-portrait (3)
- 13 Representative maybe, slams doctored note (11)
- 14 Bit Ed twice withdrew (7)
- 17 Speeder runs over champion roughly (7)
- 20 Like Anna and Nina (11)
- 23 12's exchange for fool (3)
- 24 Again going to press on with one's action in court (9)
- 25 Fatty fish, maybe not for Jack? (5)
- 26 Separately overturn damaged water drain (7)
- 27 Once more as cockney queen ignoring instruction to be quiet (7)

Down

- 1 Bit of push through VAT rises (6)
- 2 Trade was moving in one direction (8)
- 3 What makes Chapter 5? Language of Irish Society (6)
- 4 He can cure the dead (8)
- 5 Vacate centre of grey ring (6)



- 6 Excited soldiers poison Mike (8)
- 7 Cul-de-sac mostly dull (6)
- 8 Properties of Pa and Me, perhaps Ma capitalised too! (7)
- 15 Satellite phone's initially turned off (8)
- 16 After London, song sounds stern (8)
- 18 Arrogant Rick's on river (8)
- 19 Go off absolute peak muscle (7)
- 20 Stop becoming dopier when worried (6)
- 21 Unassertive localised leader of Egypt (6)
- 22 Oddly suppressed old envy, supporting weekly fast train (6)
- 23 Redirected to hurry and track old criminal (6)