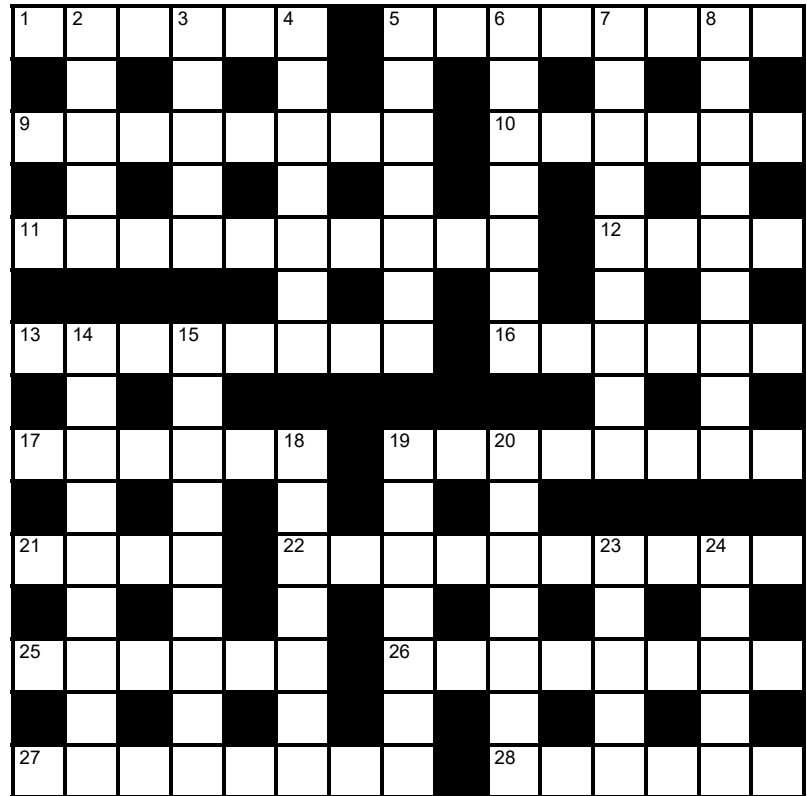


Across

- 1 Slightly dotty one who appears at fixed times? (6)
- 5 Having a squint, locally make a mess of covers of every edition (4-4)
- 9 Act of hearing statement of account I regularly join (8)
- 10 Keeness of vision of university in a large town (6)
- 11 Containing an explanation of shine on a monetary unit of Iran (10)
- 12 Dwell with satisfaction on Conservative wrangle (4)
- 13 Glaring about length of piling protecting bridge pier (8)
- 16 One who makes cloth, we affirm (6)
- 17 Part of bumper sickness related to Iran in the past (6)
- 19 Spooner's parent gambles money owing that is unlikely to be repaid (3,5)
- 21 Symbol of peace plunged in the Pentagon (4)
- 22 Over-hearty property of unwonted obtrusiveness I've abandoned (10)
- 25 Wizard part of summer lingerie (6)
- 26 Authority of cricket ground's cool (8)
- 27 One specialised in properties of shapes of moth or caterpillar, say (8)
- 28 Simpleton's casual glance (6)



Down

- 2 Regularly buys out all one's favourite tipple (5)
- 3 Draws together foolish people, we hear (5)
- 4 Japanese art or leader of island magi turning up (7)
- 5 Losing line, making dull flags for street decoration (7)
- 6 South-western permit for drink (7)
- 7 Aunt and niece together, surprisingly speak clearly (9)
- 8 Unusual text involving wanderer, an outgoing person (9)
- 14 Surprisingly temper one bacterium (9)
- 15 Rising mullets or top of tapeworm's head (9)
- 18 Ornamental headdress is part of decor on etagere (7)
- 19 Baby, mostly, starts to bawl like every ratty one who jabbbers incessantly (7)
- 20 Haul about one small hospital cloth for drying utensils (7)
- 23 Part of first season is an ecclesiastical month (5)
- 24 Criticism of twisted spine (5)