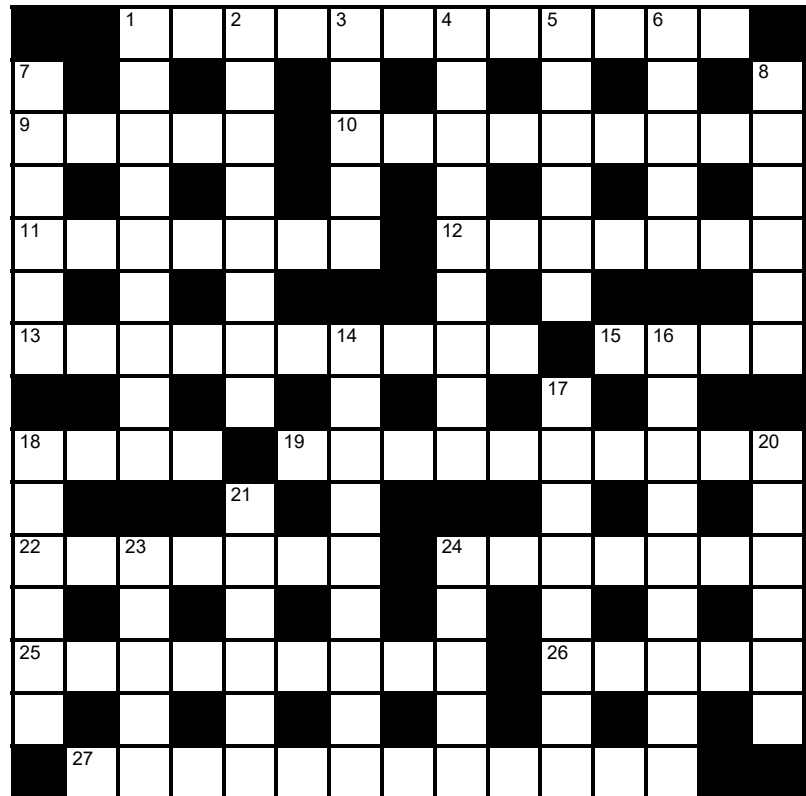


Across

- 1 Middle Eastern town suppresses queer behaviour (12)
- 9 Rolling about in a frenzy after taking bite of red-hot curry (5)
- 10 Former *Top Gear* star bothered by batting fan (9)
- 11 Homeless person marches to Limehouse to get flat (7)
- 12 International sportsman J Kenny's rival leaves for Beijing (3,4)
- 13 Sex scandal royal who had 10,000 men (4,2,4)
- 15 Namely, a new way of looking at things (4)
- 18 Two parties that never took off (4)
- 19 Rod Stewart's hairdo these days is a little fishy! (4,6)
- 22 Crowds close to Westminster not confined by restraints (7)
- 24 Compound made from dope and speed (7)
- 25 Trash can stuffed full of pig's belly is revolting (9)
- 26 Who's blogging the intro to this "escaped Toughie"? (5)
- 27 Gels could be the solution for this persistent problem (8,4)

Down

- 1 Reserved Spike Milligan's opening bow caught on Sullivan? (9)



- 2 *Winner* director has captured hearts (8)
- 3 Raw oyster with no Tabasco to start (5)
- 4 Chuck singer with seconds to go in hip-hop jam? (9)
- 5 Cryptic Sue admits defeat and snaps! (6)
- 6 School committed to collegiate achievement (5)
- 7 Ray Davies's No.1 appeared in *Dancing on Ice*? (6)
- 8 Trust wingers to rescue French football team (4,2)
- 14 Rory Stewart's first hike round God's own country (9)
- 16 Keels over swallowing the last of nine dodgy scallops (9)
- 17 Briefly weigh up having just one quiet drink, or several (8)
- 18 Toy guns raised money (6)
- 20 Thinking man punches Boris? (6)
- 21 Plunging Dow? (3-3)
- 23 Polish gangster cleared out a minor triad ... (5)
- 24 ... back in Poznan before turning to drugs for cash (5)