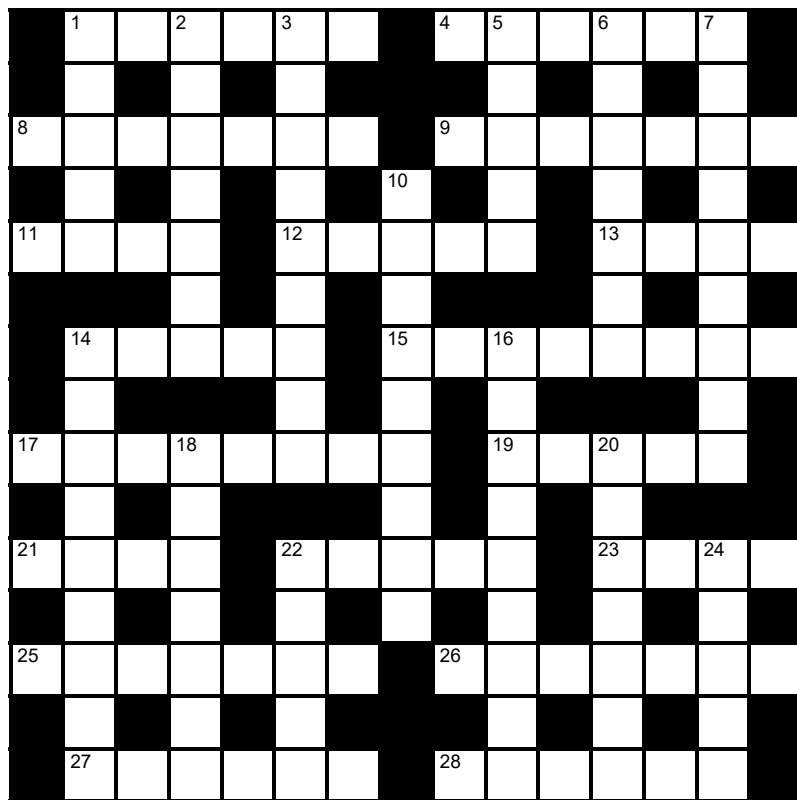


Across

- 1 Fringe elements of popular awakening unsettle European capital (6)
- 4 Leading fast when bishop is traded for pawn (6)
- 8 Humble bachelor bathed in river (7)
- 9 John thanks tenor and alto for short oratorio (7)
- 11 Run away from pet seal (4)
- 12 Staff chef cribs recipe (5)
- 13 Hollow, low-down scoundrel finally captured (4)
- 14 Sat back, surrounded by countryside - so peaceful! (5)
- 15 Cheeky clue? Balderdash! (8)



- 17 Careless riders do perturb (8)
- 19 Filthy house, beyond the bounds of decency (5)
- 21 Craving unlimited prestige (4)
- 22 On edge, being trapped in deserted theatre (5)
- 23 In Boston, dance for money (4)
- 25 Quiet piano passage's beginning after a rest (7)
- 26 Sally, naked, disported freely (7)
- 27 Judge sees early sign of embezzler's backsliding (6)
- 28 A secretive sort, nervous man leaves bustling monastery (6)

Down

- 1 Fold sheet, moving end to middle (5)
- 2 A trip's ending - coming back, deep sleep is just the ticket (7)
- 3 Spanish champion engaged in heroic exploit, following one in French Open (9)
- 5 Blame leaders in Tehran, Havana and North Korea (5)
- 6 *Top Gear* cast in kitchen garden (7)
- 7 Without end to quiet sleep phase, see terribly (9)
- 10 Damaged orange blossom? No loss, it'll come back (9)
- 14 Pronounced cardinal rule (9)

- 16 Hope musical, short of a year, shows staying power (9)
- 18 Become agitated when cheetah finally escapes gorge (7)
- 20 Champion leading in game (7)
- 22 Sample a portion of ragout (a stew) (5)
- 24 Remote path with river flowing to the south (5)