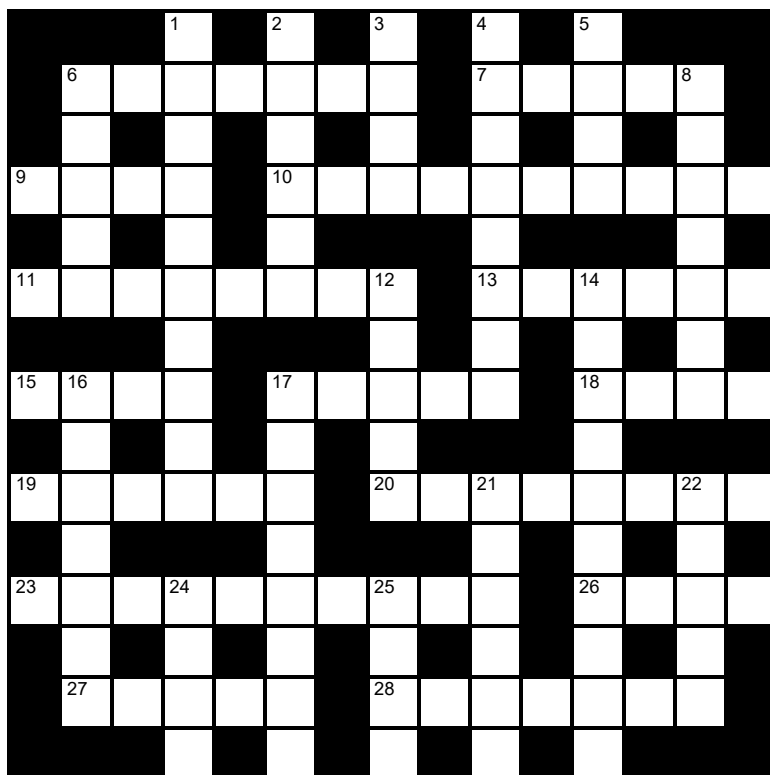


**Across**

- 6 One local primarily ideal shape unchanging in character (7)
- 7 Dance to be in motion following beat (5)
- 9 Emcee needs this to loiter idly in the country (4)
- 10 Puzzling homework returned on law in government (10)
- 11 Political system concerning the people (8)
- 13 Time to permit type of fat (6)
- 15 Dad's two-step it's said (4)
- 17 Lover from Italy's capital essentially devoted (5)
- 18 Weight of potassium and iodine left over (4)
- 19 Insist upon a sure thing, we're told (6)
- 20 Mob never misbehaving for these thirty days (8)
- 23 Cool pizza not at first cooked like ash used in cements (10)
- 26 Spanish city rejecting Yuletide (4)
- 27 Fourth grade daughter sadly late (5)
- 28 Wild purplish-blue flower around end of garden (7)

**Down**

- 1 Cute dames I disastrously improperly teach (10)
- 2 Drive conservative ordinary MP with zeal from time to time (6)



- 3 Ruler taken in by upset experiment (4)
- 4 This spiky heel awkwardly tilts toe (8)
- 5 Gem in old New York Times (4)
- 6 Turning up in retinue, act together (5)
- 8 Have purpose, one disadvantaging your home team (3,4)
- 12 Some vade-mecum includes aromatic seeds (5)
- 14 Having similar opinions, Liberal US President took care (4-6)
- 16 Quickly leave company with heartless nod after advisory board finally meets (7)
- 17 Despicable person, we hear, runs away from these nasty little parasites (3-5)
- 21 Winner concealed in convict organisation (6)
- 22 Choose for office rigidly upright (left, not right) (5)
- 24 Old Scottish two-masted fishing vessel; variable usage, loved universally initially (4)
- 25 Blue, disheartened canal labourer (4)