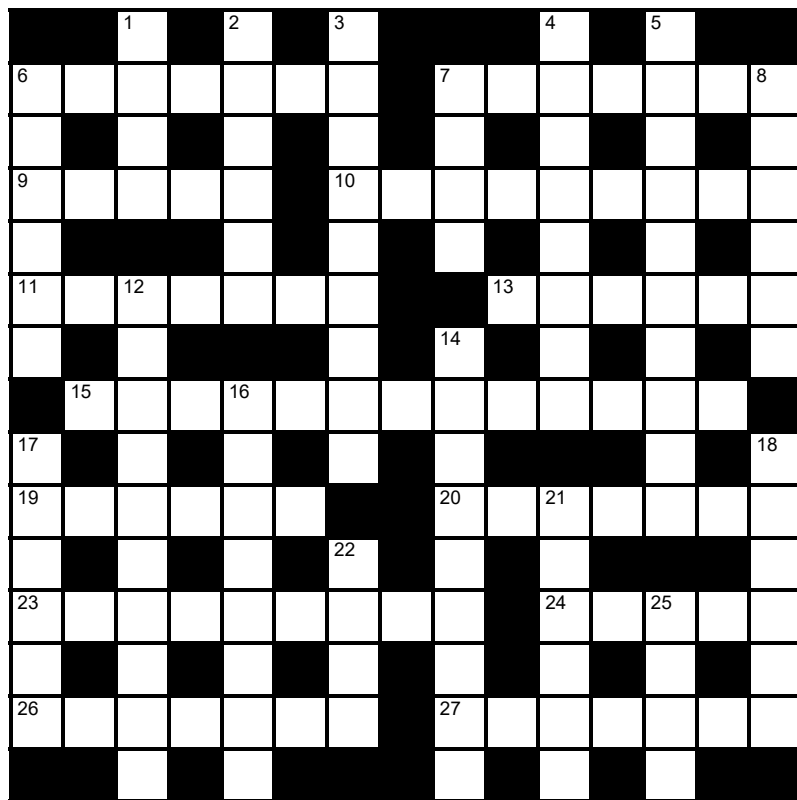


Across

- 6 It blows over after uncertain announcement (7)
- 7 Anticipate painful cost for Spooner (7)
- 9 Wield axe essentially cutting tree back (5)
- 10 Adult let in boy that's waiting for family (9)
- 11 American's bill reportedly short, makes a scene (7)
- 13 Upgrade electric vehicle charging bank (6)
- 15 Opposing point of view: some food for thought (13)
- 19 Rejection leads to Englishman nearly punching face (6)
- 20 Small post office employs husband and wife? (7)
- 23 Plenty start to alter hairdo before social event (9)
- 24 Lie about dietary requirement (5)
- 26 Bird box next to terrace (7)
- 27 Covered in dust, stripping off, flipping embarrassed (7)

Down

- 1 Release without charge (4)
- 2 Baby's toy, one that sung and talked occasionally (6)
- 3 Million quid to support company making chemicals? (9)
- 4 Strange patterns in part of church (8)
- 5 Moving flights - LA costs are crazy (10)



- 6 Was a match boring? Both sides to try and score (6)
- 7 Comedy clubs cut ticket price (4)
- 8 Excuse from former lover mostly futile (6)
- 12 Italian sauce served up with fries on top, it's sweet (5,5)
- 14 Pair of cups I dropped in restaurant (9)
- 16 Place largely dull, put up flag (8)
- 17 Agreement breaks one's principles (6)
- 18 Climb a post to install bit of cable (6)
- 21 Lacking elegance, with fleeced coat and mullet? (6)
- 22 Bad weather set in, it's no worry (4)
- 25 Be tedious or be entertaining (4)