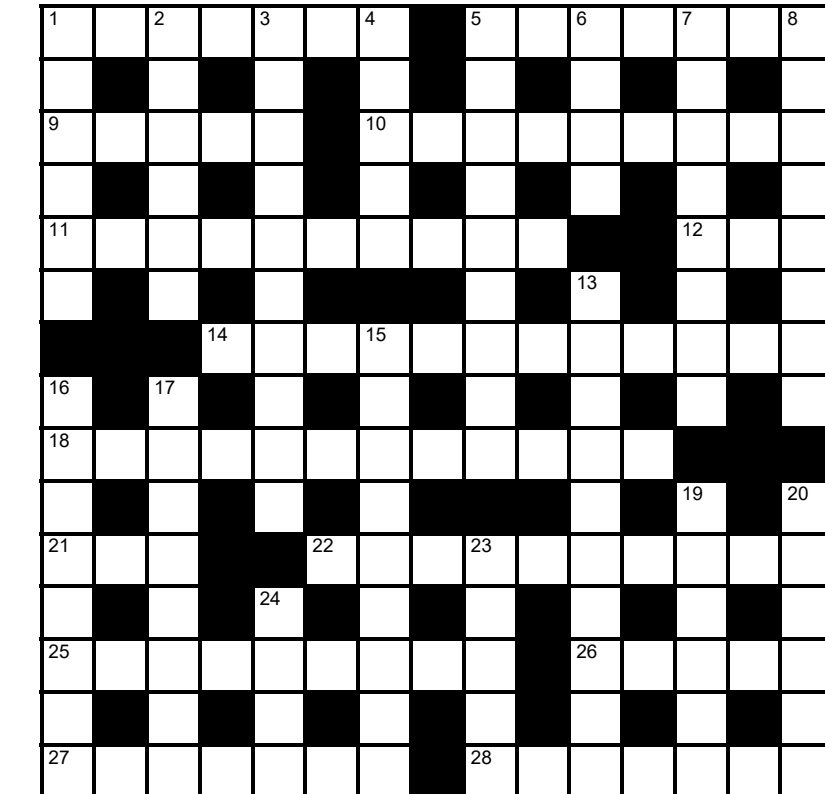


Across

- 1 Draw in good player for audience to follow (7)
- 5 At all events he and I linger outside (7)
- 9 Overwhelm with wonder as naked dame dazzles regularly (5)
- 10 Of course evict odd characters from city central complex (9)
- 11 Personalities engineering tie-in with diets (10)
- 12 Semi-annual? Indeed (3)
- 14 Created football team and broke first rule, getting sacked (12)
- 18 Utter triumphalism at outset then drops HS2? (7,5)
- 21 Cremate without opening appropriate receptacle (3)
- 22 Amoebic dysentery infecting lotus-eaters initially, treated using health science (10)
- 25 Cleared turbulent outlying district in the end (3,6)
- 26 Muse on the apparently rational explanation originally rejected (5)
- 27 Surprisingly angered (7)
- 28 English boy terminally drinking lager when cycling with enthusiasm (7)

Down

- 1 Drug offence injecting low-quality stuff (6)
- 2 Credit rate entering deep depression (6)



- 3 Tight in study the night before uprising happened (10)
- 4 American boarding Tube gets change once (5)
- 5 Rough fabric aggravated rash in nameless hero (9)
- 6 Come again with Panama, possibly (4)
- 7 Envy arid ground in wine-producing area (8)
- 8 Unknown number enter behind exhausted dogs chasing foxes (8)
- 13 August writer's series receiving honour in front of king (10)
- 15 Inept actress finally destroyed following Truffaut's article (9)
- 16 Queen's puzzled by principles of compound exponential progression (8)
- 17 Never groomed woman finding crisp in stereotypical clothing (8)
- 19 Retreat bearing first two pieces of Eccles cake (6)
- 20 Dismal German can fancy that (6)
- 23 Short girl swallowing last drop of whisky perhaps (5)
- 24 Psychoanalyst put narcissistic leader in prison (4)