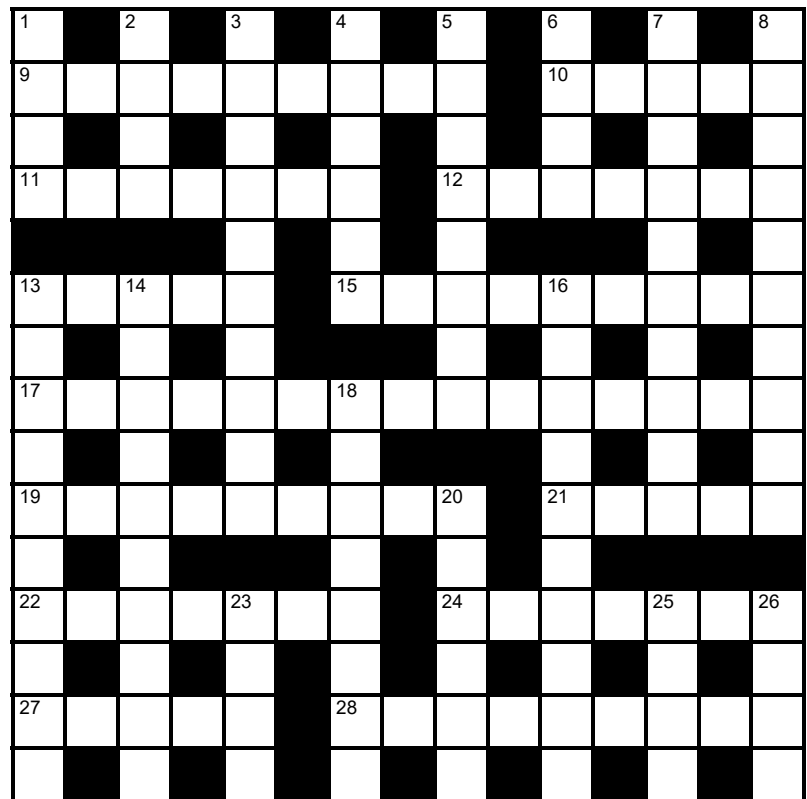


Across

- 9 Grateful I rearrange rota for arena fighter (9)
- 10 Stop inhaling a vapour (5)
- 11 Money paid into account settled matter (7)
- 12 Snap of each pinball lever (7)
- 13 Sudanese recycled useless type of litter (5)
- 15 Fighter aircraft leaving base out of spite, discharges guns (9)
- 17 Head of government department's certain I'm bent crookedly (7,8)
- 19 Home to hunched campanologist "by no means inflamed", misheard French friend (5-4)
- 21 Car component's bad smell after reversing wheel furrow (5)
- 22 Express partners' exclamation of surprise (7)
- 24 Keep left after announcement found in evidence (7)
- 27 Sluice drain's lowest point (5)
- 28 Regularly ignored imposter reversed almost one generation's practice of spying (9)

Down

- 1 Characters in stage debut getting past it (4)
- 2 Bach intermittently used up conductor's last quiet string-instrument (4)
- 3 Clash from key is really new part of performance (10)



- 4 Discloses Southbanks' museum benefactor (6)
- 5 King and leaders of army flee attack on island - is writing on the wall? (8)
- 6 On account of time without yours truly, opens wine (4)
- 7 Doctor reports concealing bad air for breathing apparatus (10)
- 8 Stage manager's opera is ruined, wrapping-up right after upsetting note (10)
- 13 Previously owned and passes around often? (6,4)
- 14 Bad credits disrupted payment methods (5,5)
- 16 Brief consideration of covering road traffic accident with twisted tinfoil (10)
- 18 Move locomotives without one bit of buffer (8)
- 20 Avoid headland, following directions (6)
- 23 Organs able to bear rings but not ringing (4)
- 25 Pull tie (4)
- 26 Release of secrets on the radio, exposes Welsh icon (4)