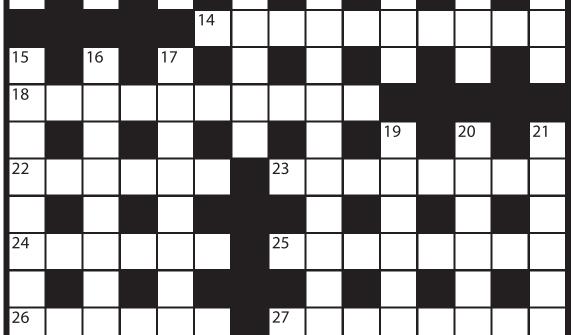
## **ACROSS**

- 1 Crooked rigs that should be neat (8)
- 5 Highland capital: a northern town or one farther south? (6)
- 9 Wonder if company ruin you and me? (8)
- 10 Confuse fellows in Woolpack? (6)
- **11** Radical in C17th even the French Republican (8)
- **12** Official questionnaire: arrangement of it confuses perhaps (6)
- 14 Collect and reserve devotional aid (6,4)
- **18** Builds beds and in them turns over compost initially (10)
- 22 Did Salome put on public display? (6)
- 23 Border prepared for nitre (8)
- **24** After minor diversion English follow natives here (2,4)
- 25 Vigorously ranging over and purging (8)
- **26** Read badly composed lines, tediously uninteresting (6)
- 27 Symbolic representation of everything base and bloody (8)

## **DOWN**

- 1 Engineer likes to hold cold tool (6)
- 2 Wild revel one's entered to experience again (6)
- 3 Slight adjustment to UN list (6)
- **4** This person's pleased to be in perhaps hoper to welcome us two coming over (5-5)
- 6 One married as true lovers may be (8)
- 7 Would pot of tea do if noun is required? (8)
- 8 Minding stronghold and strong drink (8)
- **13** Spinning Charlie's toy (not old) is very funny (10)

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- 15 Dizzy coed holds trophy I filled (8)
- 16 Everyone initially upheld Northern Ireland against Gaelic (8)
- 17 Tool to get last bit of grass neater (8)
- 19 3 is meant to revise Romeo and Juliet in EU (6)
- 20 Sort of drive one found in Liberal party? (6)
- 21 Dazed with whiffs of rum? (6)