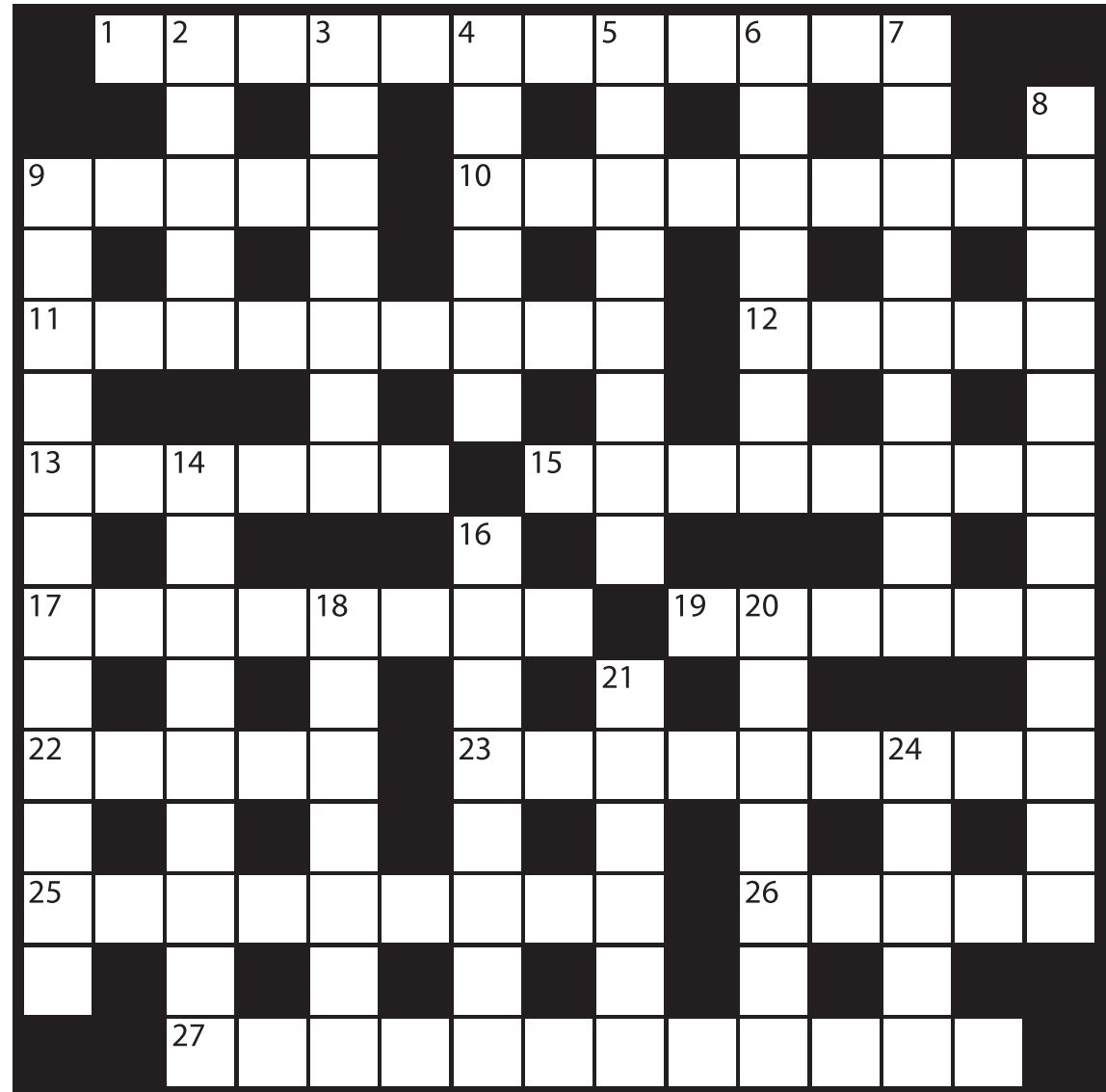


ACROSS

- 1 Rodent's limb clutching underwear in residence (7,5)
- 9 Will of old person Hamish altered somewhat (5)
- 10 Take choir out for something to eat (9)
- 11 A large bird fed every second (9)
- 12 Comparatively nasty snake entering lake to relieve pressure (5)
- 13 The empty church without music (6)
- 15 The German king that is on bottom (8)
- 17 Shower control reportedly fine with everyone (8)
- 19 Bothy shown in oddly cheesy slides (6)
- 22 Point to west or east, it's the same (5)
- 23 Artwork of plough surrounded by random flies (5,4)
- 25 Speeches from poor man regularly against politicians (9)
- 26 Swimmers around on golden sand at the front (5)
- 27 Nasty nick engraver finds distressing (5-7)

DOWN

- 2 Divorced aunt's first served up gin (5)
- 3 Expert shot at? Never! (7)
- 4 Mark of wound on a black insect (6)
- 5 Was important time being welcomed by pal with wine (8)
- 6 Find content of lunch surplus (7)
- 7 Softening ground let mole in (9)
- 8 Daring nobleman in iron boat on loch (12)
- 9 Hope for tarts cooked and unlikely to break (12)
- 14 Cook going around India thanks popular leader (9)



- 16 Starter of lamb in special exotic flavouring (8)
- 18 Mounted soldiers, five in number showing spirit (7)
- 20 Knoll is cold alright, cold coming down (7)
- 21 Provided to the north, established area for carnival (6)
- 24 Ancient people's home, half of Canada (5)