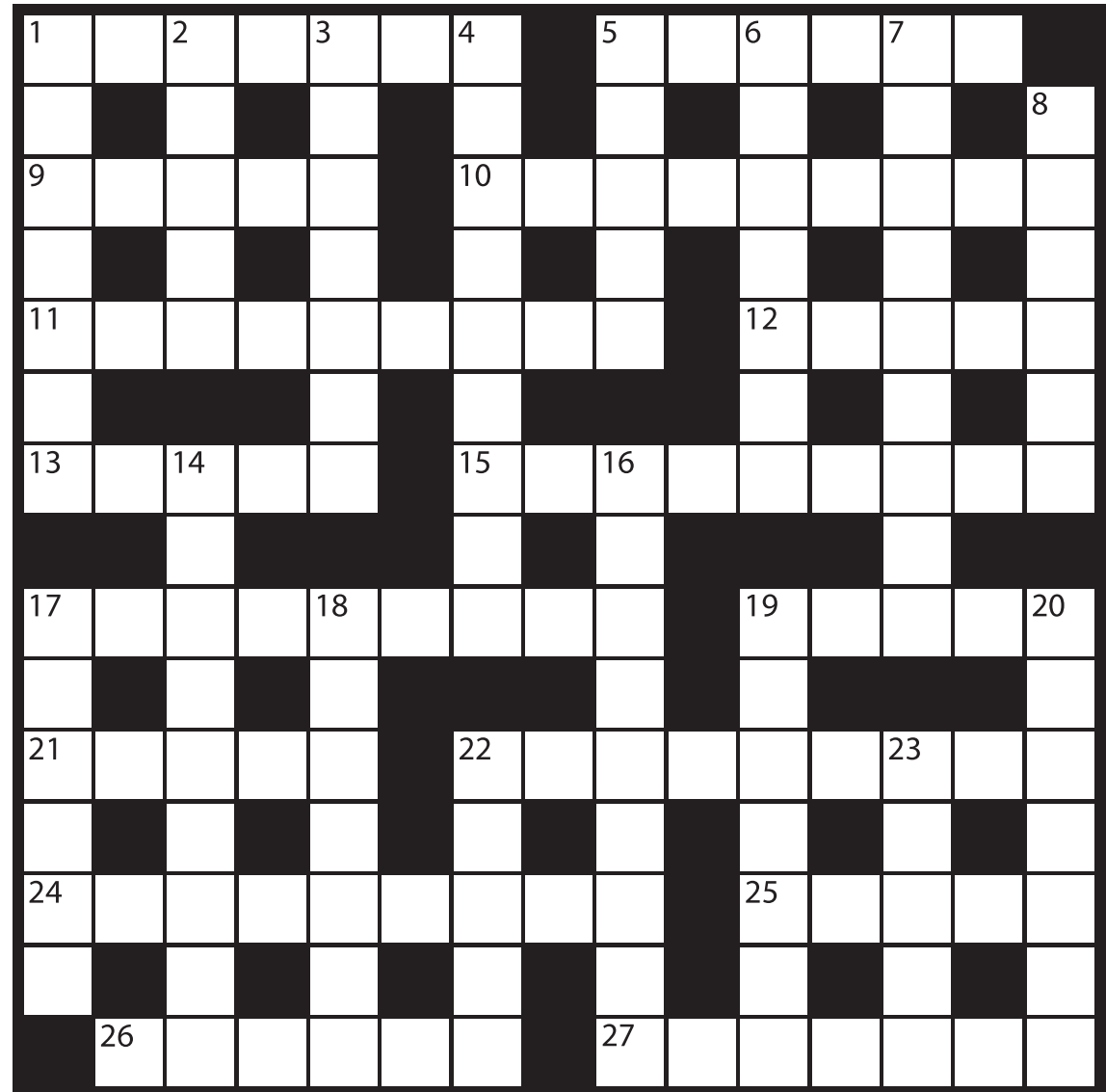


**ACROSS**

- 1 Put on a couple of pages, then told a story (7)
- 5 Worthless attempt to cover wood (6)
- 9 Made a choice of work for boy (5)
- 10 A visit to the pub for cheap conversation? (5,4)
- 11 A char isn't disposed to being an opponent of authority (9)
- 12 Person who gets up part of the stairs (5)
- 13 Give up the produce (5)
- 15 Nurse has a try at butter (5-4)
- 17 Experienced, though became bankrupt? On the contrary (9)
- 19 The marines get heating unit (5)
- 21 Some whippersnapper I led to great danger (5)
- 22 Prohibit development of remote weather forecasting device (9)
- 24 Artist swindles the board (9)
- 25 Make changes re tax and get more (5)
- 26 Interfere with the decoration, we hear (6)
- 27 Longed for new deanery (7)

**DOWN**

- 1 Unusual layman accepts nothing that deviates from the norm (7)
- 2 Bread has hole – thanks! (5)
- 3 Persuaded dunce I'd changed (7)
- 4 Dead marriage leads to flirtation (9)
- 5 One involved in diplomacy, it's implied (5)
- 6 Riotous rally, eg, leads to unpleasant reaction (7)
- 7 Top man's sound tribute to the dead (9)
- 8 Girl has time for wine (6)
- 14 Nun raced wildly round point, showing stamina (9)



- 16 Scandal – one I try to disguise (9)
- 17 International force has tool to remove stitches (6)
- 18 Said to be of the same blood (7)
- 19 Moderate a painting medium (7)
- 20 Fabled creature I rammed at sea (7)
- 22 Some rabbi blessed holy book (5)
- 23 Brown captures object for giant (5)