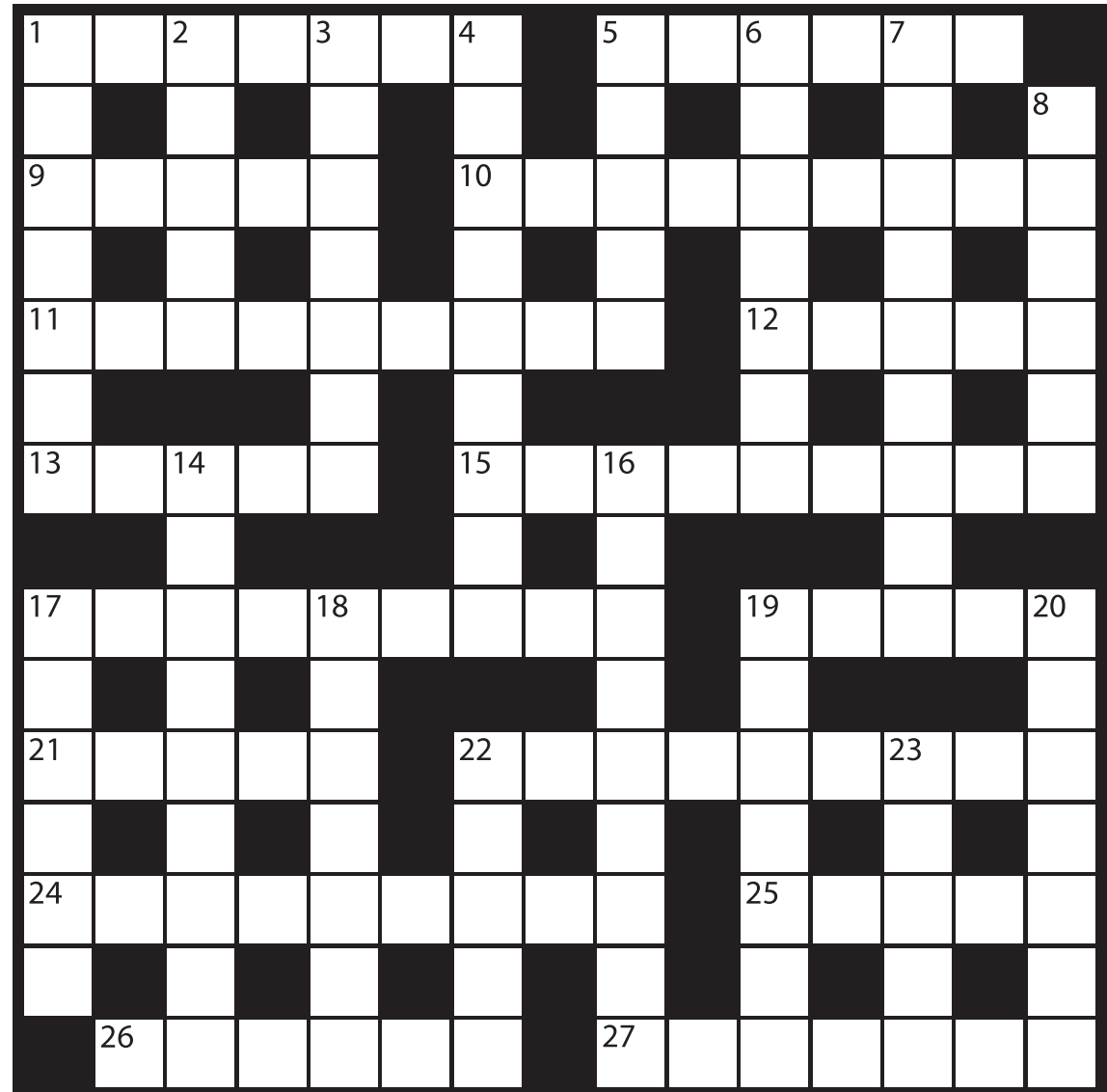


**ACROSS**

- 1 Walker returning stuff to woman (7)
- 5 Vegetable, something sticky eaten by boy (6)
- 9 A get-together in Rugby! (5)
- 10 Talk when small daughter is on the way (9)
- 11 One caring, strangely, to show lack of knowledge (9)
- 12 Elegance shown by good people (5)
- 13 Sells whips (5)
- 15 A couple of pianos put up and assessed (9)
- 17 Letter for eccentric person (9)
- 19 Managed church farm (5)
- 21 Send back beer with kingly demeanour (5)
- 22 Comes in to upset financial expert (9)
- 24 A leg Asian twisted, but with absence of pain (9)
- 25 Girl with husband from Dublin, perhaps (5)
- 26 A supporter, but not for long (6)
- 27 Hired having accepted proposal (7)

**DOWN**

- 1 Dog causing mother's argument (7)
- 2 Some caterer unlikely to repeat a show (5)
- 3 Sounds like funny bone? (7)
- 4 Turned and made off when not needed (9)
- 5 Cotton thread left on little bit of land (5)
- 6 Tumbling over a gorge, one in American state (7)
- 7 Isn't moral collapse the result of it? (6,3)
- 8 Fed up, object, but give support (6)
- 14 A grade one blended fizzy drink (9)
- 16 Page about crime where the vicar lives (9)
- 17 Breakfast food produced in instalments, so we hear (6)



- 18 Strange ogre following everyone in a lively manner (7)
- 19 Getting plants established is cheering (7)
- 20 Lined, but not originally topped with straw (7)
- 22 Alleviated and stopped, though not at first (5)
- 23 Decorating a cake during picnic in garden (5)