

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

crossword no. 849

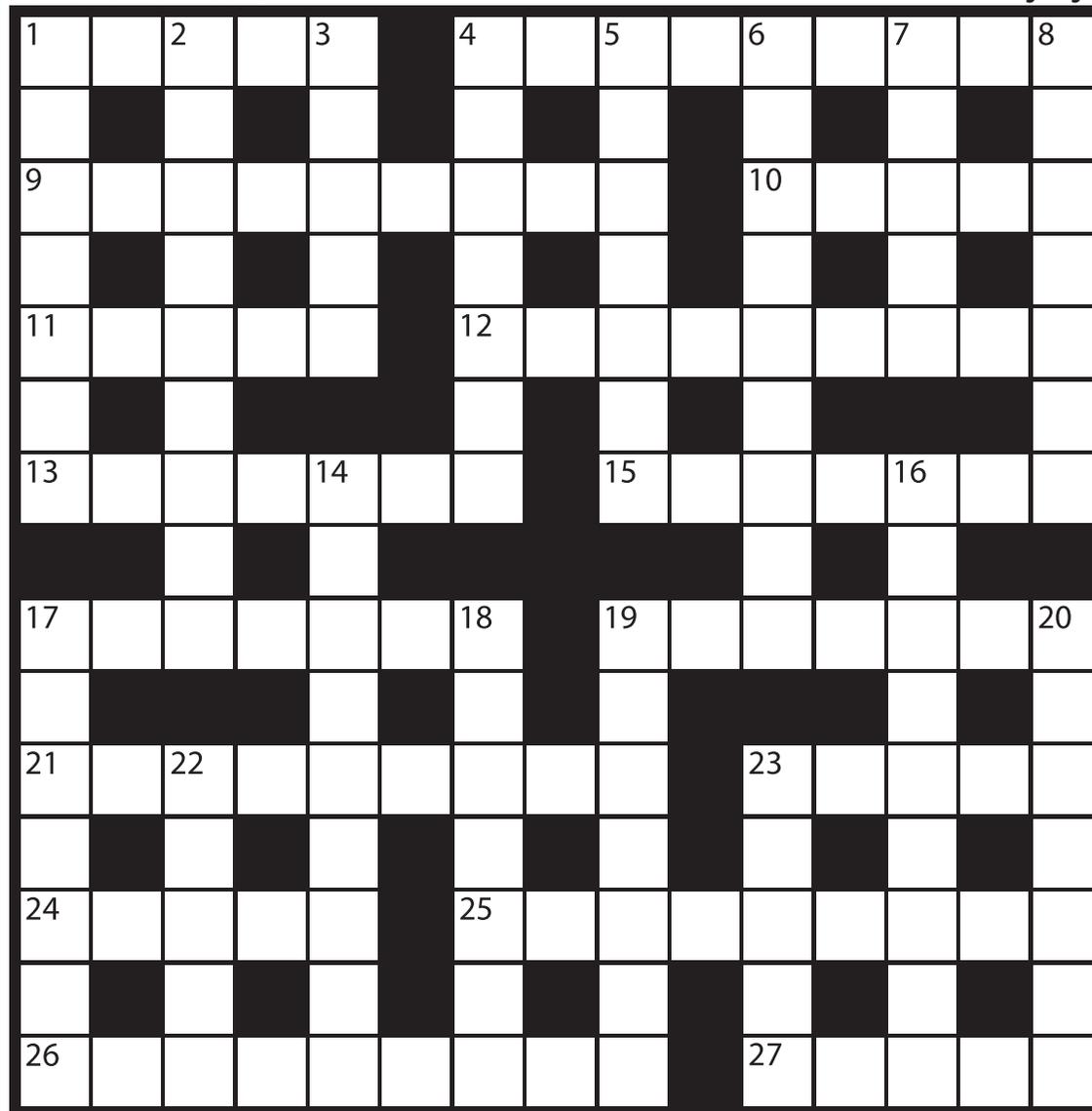
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ACROSS

- 1 Subject of a speech, conversation, argument etc. (5)
- 4 Hollow concave moulding round the base of a pillar (9)
- 9 One who studies mysterious objects appearing in the sky (9)
- 10 Opera in three acts by Puccini, premiered in 1900 (5)
- 11 Often-fatal virus originating in northern Congo (Zaire) (5)
- 12 Edible large deep-sea creature of southern hemisphere (9)
- 13 Wooden tool used to beat flax to remove the woody parts (7)
- 15 Loudspeaker designed to reproduce high frequencies (7)
- 17 Nematode that is an internal parasite of humans (7)
- 19 Tarry substance used for road surfacing and roofing (7)
- 21 River-formed ravine on the Cowal peninsula, and a popular walk (5,4)
- 23 One side of something many-sided especially a gem (5)
- 24 Person strongly or fiercely opposing authority (5)
- 25 Male sweetheart or partner (9)
- 26 Cocktail consisting of vodka, grapefruit juice and cranberry juice (3,6)
- 27 Telltale or furtive person (5)

DOWN

- 1 Wigs or hairpieces worn to cover a bald spot (7)
- 2 Publicising of a product to increase sales (9)
- 3 Where in Scotland first class location offers varied activities (5)
- 4 National emblem of Scotland (7)
- 5 Isolated or remote branch of something (7)
- 6 Diamond-shaped tablet bearing coat of arms of a deceased person (9)
- 7 (India) Flavoured cold drink made from yoghurt or buttermilk (5)
- 8 Something very attractive or impressive (7)
- 14 Translucent garnet of pale-green colour (9)



- 16 First person to be elected as an MSP, on 6th May 1999 (3,6)
- 17 Type of writing material used in ancient Egypt (7)
- 18 General feeling of discomfort, illness or unease (7)
- 19 Strip of material used to bind and protect a wound (7)
- 20 Group or system of interconnected people or things (7)
- 22 Venomous snake whose neck forms a hood when disturbed (5)
- 23 Rough silk enveloping a silkworm's cocoon (5)