

ACROSS

- 1 Act of revenge (7)
- 5 Piquancy (4)
- 8 Having no contents (5)
- 9 Resolute (7)
- 11 Cook (in a restaurant) (4)
- 12 On your feet (8)
- 15 Excellence, worth (5)
- 16 Harsh (5)
- 19 Of a blood vessel (8)
- 21 Recognised (4)
- 23 Post sent by plane (7)
- 25 Amusing (5)
- 26 Brought into existence (4)
- 27 Set free (dogs) (7)

DOWN

- 2 Now (2,7)
- 3 Lads (4)
- 4 Kent or Cumbria, eg (6)
- 5 Menagerie (3)
- 6 Polish (5)
- 7 Absence of war (5)
- 10 Spiritual guide (6)
- 13 Crafty (9)
- 14 Mountain range (6)
- 17 Measure of liquid (6)
- 18 Pig food (5)
- 20 Horned African animal (5)
- 22 Boundary (4)
- 24 Homo sapiens (3)

