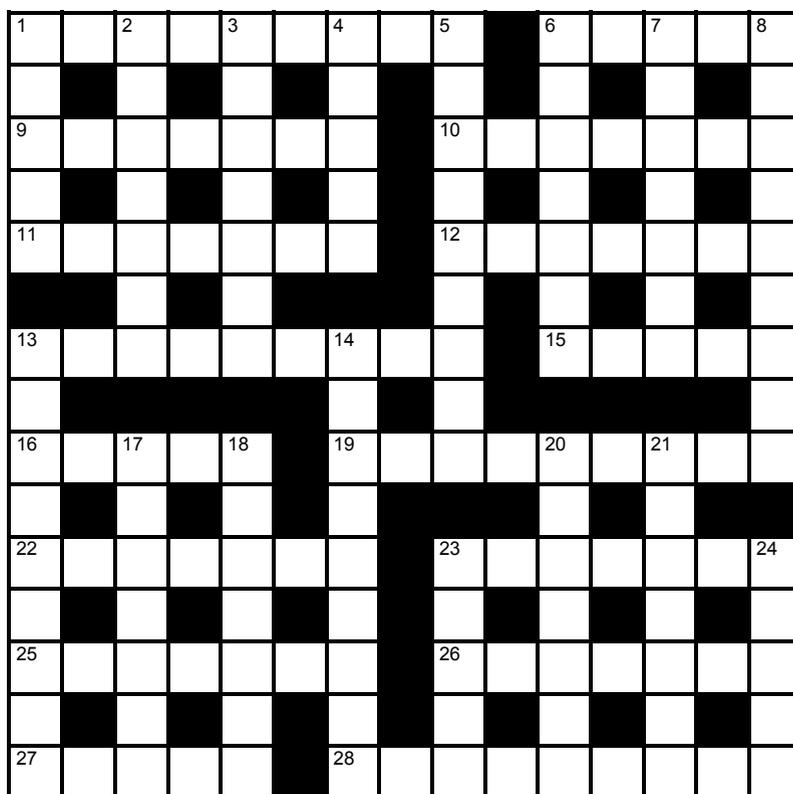


Across

- 1 Raves about hat being so functional..... (9)
- 6 ...covering heads of smokers (5)
- 9 Too drunk to stand a round (7)
- 10 Mice leave camomile tea, discovering something they prefer (7)
- 11 A very accurate description of late viewer (7)
- 12 Used to hold tea-leaves, in the main (7)
- 13 Broken slabs that do for soaks , when prone (4,5)



- 15 Demented idealists sail way on them (5)
- 16 During the apartheid era ,this was sure to get you down (5)
- 19 Where dab hands may be employed, tending to skate, perhaps (9)
- 22 I'd left Coleridge to seek an old master (2,5)
- 23 Leave in a hurry but grabs conditioner (7)
- 25 What swing band might use to keep them high (7)
- 26 Turn at 'Hope Inn', gets audience

- participation (5-2)
- 27 Mechanism equally efficient going in reverse (5)
- 28 Pray Easter thrash can take away a fat tummy (5,4)

Down

- 1 Part of the carnival I don't find authentic (5)
- 2 Expecting to lose head and become dominant (7)
- 3 Maintain youth came back with a bit of an impasse, legally speaking (7)
- 4 Children's paper

- 5 Gets rid of dodgy spirits, yet no man cross-examines suspect (9)
- 6 Jaguar gets a fortune for plant (7)
- 7 Originally woman assisted and got young (7)
- 8 Eric's loss makes him terribly thick skinned (9)
- 13 Complain about a tree guard (9)
- 14 They're used to serve a consumer one more time (9)

- 17 Follow vehicle, then start another (7)
- 18 Eggs sweetheart - I hear he's an animal (3,4)
- 20 Crafty type pulls this often, as arranged (4,3)
- 21 Small jumper important to get right winger's place (7)
- 23 First letter first class, Mark (5)
- 24 He's in school but confused and uncertain (5)