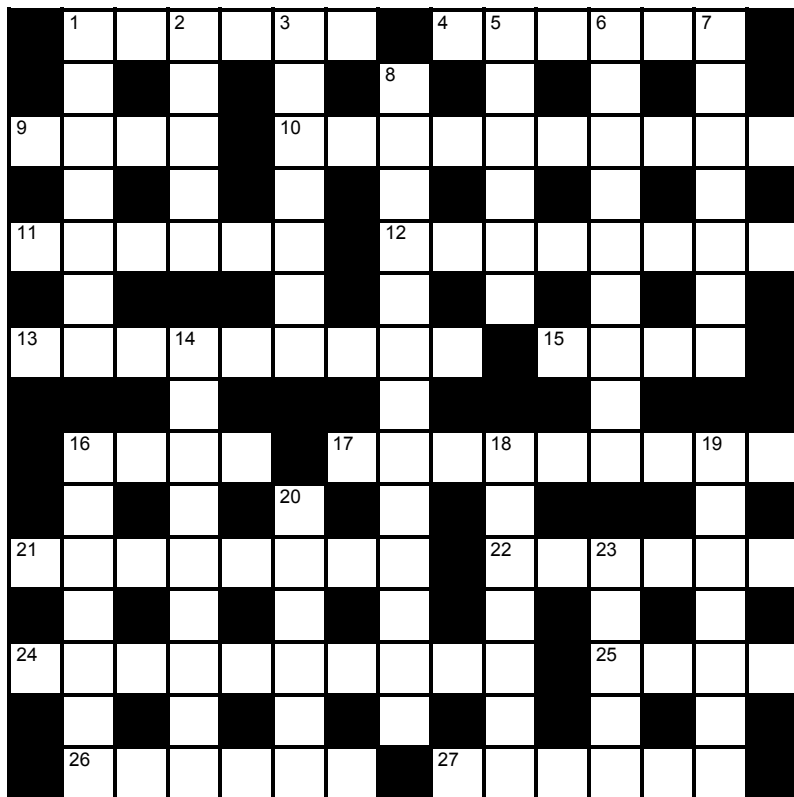


ARENA



Across

- 1** In the international England will thump Ireland - that's official! (6)
- 4** Roll for game between banks (6)
- 9** * Sometimes need farm produce (4)
- 10** *Go to various lectures for this one (10)
- 11** If relaxing officers get painting (6)
- 12** Perhaps hours on end making cover (8)

- 13** * Supremo at Scrabble (9)
- 15** *Short short (4)
- 16** Switch boxer's mitts round (4)
- 17** Driver's mate rests badly (9)
- 21** It could possibly keep Tommy quiet (8)
- 22** Observe Bill or mark (6)
- 24** Sue nasty t.v. broadcast on old New Yorker (10)
- 25** *Last of the sweet masala (4)
- 26** Goaded to lose a pound , as required (6)

- 27** She's seen out in sari with empty handbasket (6)

Down

- 1** Make rare rounded off (7)
- 2** Suitable for hearts or feet (5)
- 3** Skunk about to grow restless for weed (7)
- 5** Resistance movement ain't leaving the hiding place (6)
- 6** Leave heartless 3 for the old soldier (6,3)
- 7** Fetching flower first, to carry out (7)

- 8** Dame reset moderate hob but not to make this (4-4,5)

- 14** Poor ratepayers without a corporation (5,4)

- 16** *Some distil tonic to accompany 8? (7)

- 18** *This one turns me off! (7)

- 19** *Lousy actor gets it (7)

- 20** Opening a credit card evidently doesn't enhance yield (6)

- 23** Upsets tiddly stiff (5)