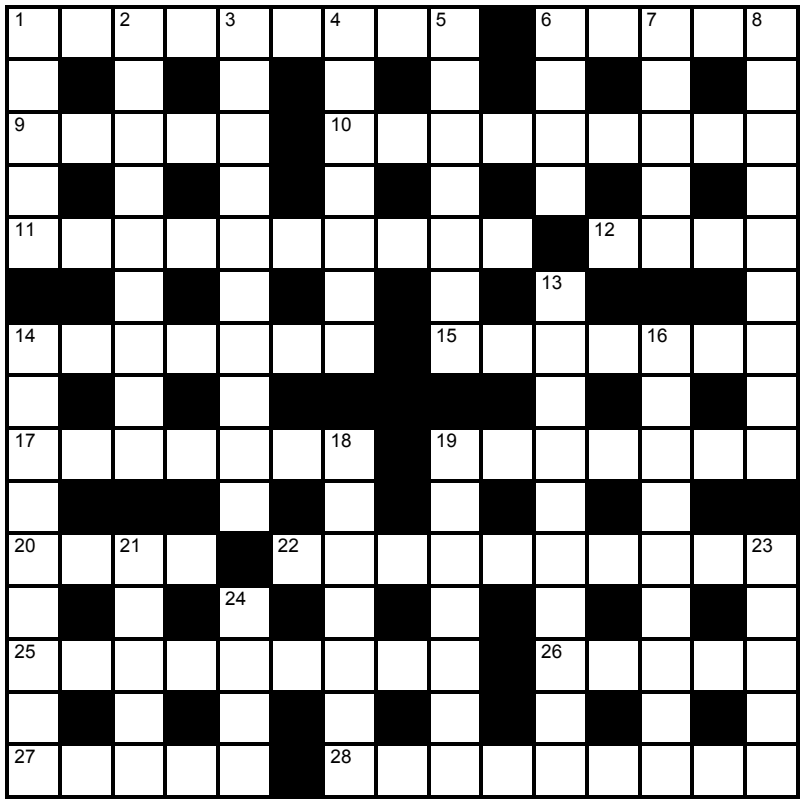

Across

1 Type of thrush (*turdus pilaris*) (9)

6 Paul Haggis film, won three Oscars in 2005 (5)

9 An autonomous area in northeastern Greece (5)

10 South Yorkshire town (9)

11 A gin cocktail (3,7)

12 Malayan dagger with a wavy blade (4)

14 A region in the central and eastern part of the Czech Republic (7)

15 Any important early teacher of Christianity (7)

17 Russian poet (1799-1837) (7)

19 Town on the Tigris River (7)

20 Old Icelandic heroic ballads (4)

22 Olive, walnut and banana, for example (5,5)

25 Issuing (9)

26 English comedian (surname) (5)

27 Famous British painter (5)

28 Hospitals intended for long stay patients (9)

Down

1 Banquet (5)

2 They are shortlived (9)

3 Russian novelist (1821-1881) (10)

4 ..... Cotta, mother of Julius Caesar (7)

5 It's capital is Tallinn (7)

6 She was original Cleo in the singing duo Caesar & Cleo (4)

7 Son of Jacob (*Genesis*) (5)

8 Area of London, in Camden Borough (9)

13 US tv eponymous detective (10)

14 Emblem of Canada (5-4)

16 England and Sussex cricketer (3,6)

18 Sea nymphs (7)

19 Introduce (5,2)

21 Surname of the secret agent in *Danger Man* (5)

23 Genus of plant used in cooking and colouring (5)

24 Surname of actor, the Duke of Buckingham in *The Three Musketeers* (4)