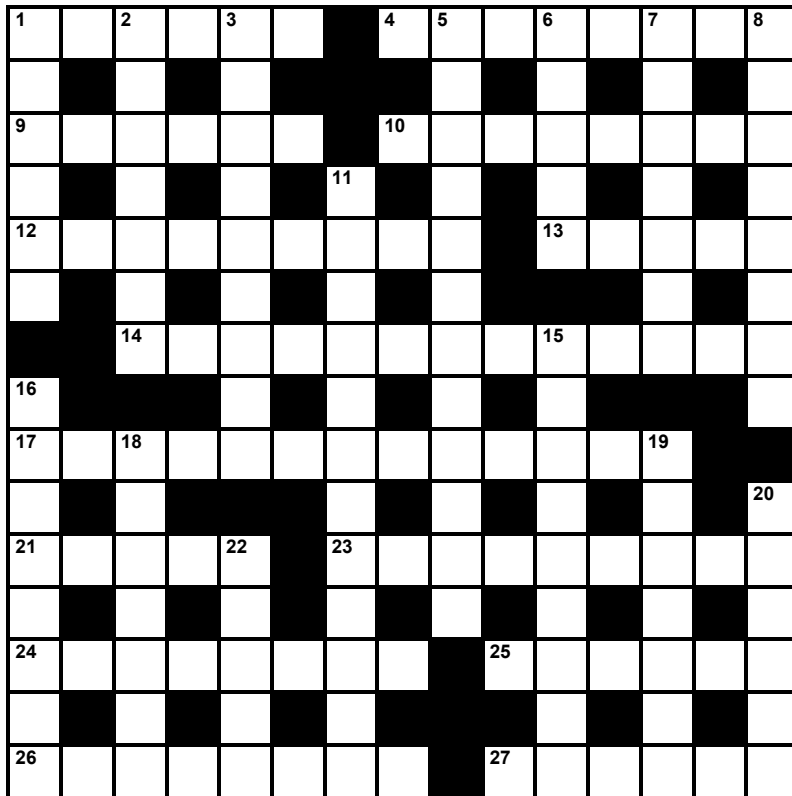


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### Across

- 1 Saying everyone can expect direct elections, starts to declare independence (6)
- 4 Maybe Dundonian scams not unusual (8)
- 9 Pays next year's subscription for up-to-date sapper info (6)
- 10 Just in: safe-break reveals what philanderer has (8)
- 12 Bullpen I'm sorting out for measuring depth (9)
- 13 People support forerib (5)

- 14 I neglect mum to develop modern working practice (13)
- 17 Frighten wonk with one nasty weapon (8,5)
- 21 Unit One somehow comes from far north (5)
- 23 Musical group loses nothing in return for cleansing (9)
- 24 Fussy photo featuring journalist and social worker (8)
- 25 Give hint to legend to go quietly (6)
- 26 Eased off fast when forest animals came back round (8)

- 27 Restless drones slept noisily (6)

### Down

- 1 Gets rid of southern dice game (6)
- 2 Direct party on Tube (7)
- 3 Perhaps new blood will begin at the bottom (4,5)
- 5 Fees from cake used to build drink dispensers (12)
- 6 Vehicle reversing in dry area (5)
- 7 Swallow one cocktail (7)
- 8 Following rise in Malaysian currency, Thailand's leader urges savings (4,4)
- 11 Actor has French wine and a little caviar to tempt pair inside (7,5)
- 15 Aunt Irina converts to monotheistic denomination (9)
- 16 Canonised serial killer usually ends up naked (8)
- 18 Aircraft logo depicts circular railway (7)
- 19 Top-secret timescales hold back broadcaster (7)
- 20 Ambitious deputy wants to decapitate (6)
- 22 Projection for one-off cricket team? (5)

- 11 Actor has French