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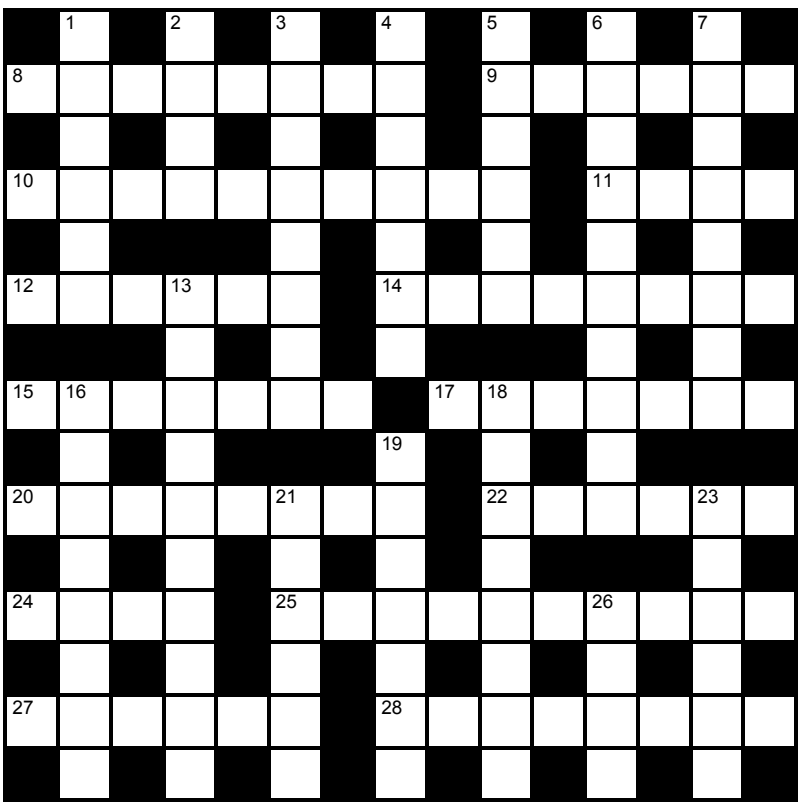

Across

8 Fantasist getting strong backing for first time in subordinate group (8)

9 Your old dad takes priority following a deficiency in care (6)

10 Sadly we lack Paul's buzz in the morning (4-2,4)

11 Go drinking, shrugging off adverse reaction (4)

12 A spot of backfiring from engine block's not serious (6)

14 Historic Dutch demands in States? (8)

15 Current chaplain's absorbed in interminable hunt for tarts (7)

17 Holds good lands (7)

20 'Bugs have a role' admitted by old spy chief (8)

22 Restores some bits that had been dropped ... (6)

24 ... and initial selections to be remastered include Maddy's 'All Around My Hat' (4)

25 Craftily hugged a pet as means of checking bottom (5,5)

27 Artificially boosted babies' hearts with functioning circuit (6)

28 Cited official loused up (8)

Down

1 Struggle to conceal decline in looks (6)

2 In Boulogne I caught decent cod (4)

3 Old vid which would be unacceptable nowadays (8)

4 One-time strategy involved wheels (7)

5 Apprentice taken in by new cigar-making plant (6)

6 Spying woman engaged in repeated snoring, artist begins to create a hullabaloo (10)

7 Mate and crew make delivery (8)

13 Summon workers embroiled in internal agitation (10)

16 Plucky Ms. Stubbs went to pieces on air (8)

18 Scarper after boy's initial rejection (5-3)

19 I followed confusing RAC map to get drink (7)

21 Embarrassed? Take steps to get into shape (6)

23 Freeze the French government's artificial support (3,3)

26 Washington does U-turn in alert - wrong! (4)