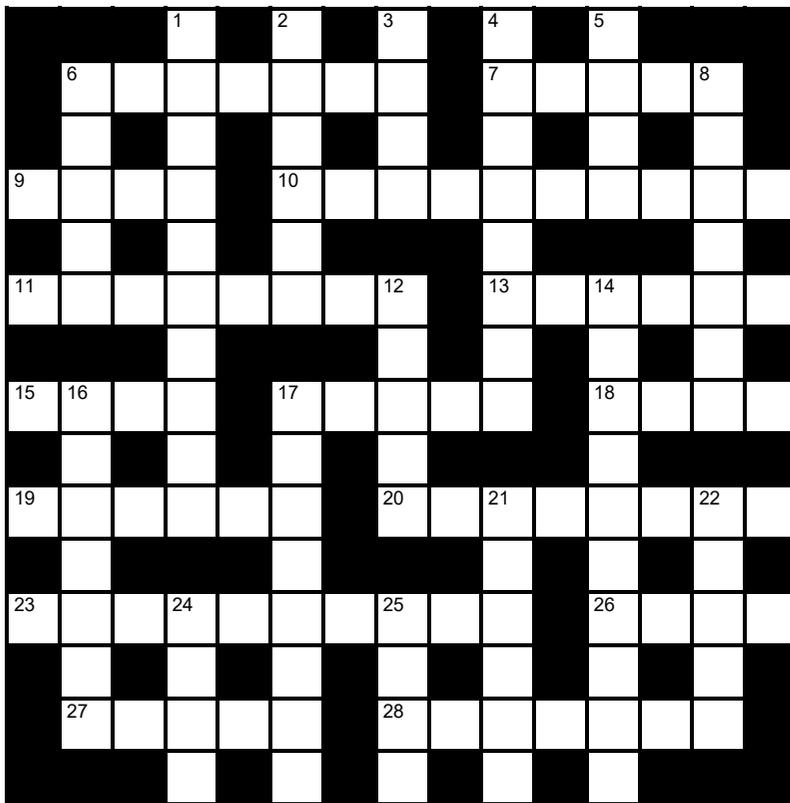


Authors



Across

- 6 Seed to pile into heaps for showy bird (7)
- 7 Tire out and unrestrainedly push pet pups (3,2)
- 9 Greek characters to fully satisfy in retrospect (4)
- 10 How despots rule beyond a doubt (10)
- 11 Dubiously bring own product for making gravy (8)
- 13 Sociable criminal (6)
- 15 Address supplication, we're told, for victim (4)
- 17 Stretch one's neck in order to see wading bird (5)
- 18 Basis essentially and component of concrete (4)

- 19 Capital city originally loved old northern professor (6)
- 20 Body of divine rulers disconcerted the chary (8)
- 23 Shamolic chef fed rat! Highly imaginative but implausible (3-7)
- 26 Additional soldiers going into Middle East (4)
- 27 Couple in the past, one exactly like another, embracing amour principally (5)
- 28 Luxury car crumpled on the French motorway finally (7)

Down

- 1 Manner senior journalist supports campaign, provided with raised path through morass, say

- (10)
- 2 Islam unexpectedly accepting old language (6)
- 3 Understand set up involving Kelvin's additions in Glasgow (4)
- 4 Short twisting line of disorderly circle with queue now and then (8)
- 5 Wild place we studied partly (4)
- 6 Head, at heart hilarious old man (5)
- 8 Luxurious sleeping car to attract fellow (7)
- 12 Hard work to insert transplanted organ (5)
- 14 Well-organised slumber can restore to an intelligible state (10)
- 16 Some of scenario

- tactlessly read out to mob in time of trouble (4,3)
- 17 Unchangeable prisoners, almost too much (8)
- 21 This conclusion, following start of magic, would be putting things right (6)
- 22 Robust, solid year (5)
- 24 Draw attention to plant with showy purple or yellow flowers (4)
- 25 Primarily hungry old US man; a vagabond (4)