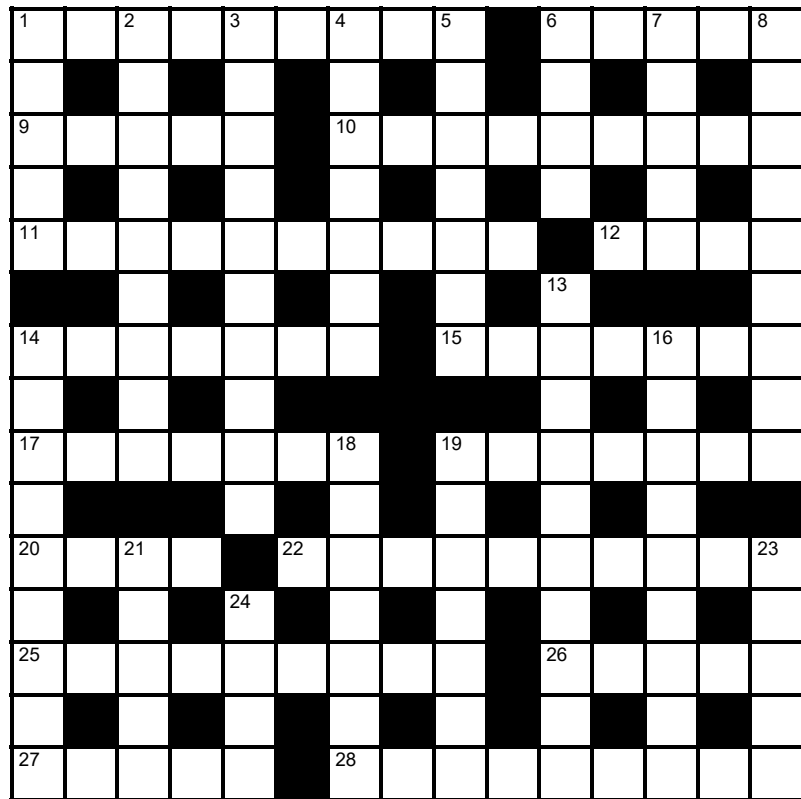


Across

- 1 Skip bus? He deployed healthier means of getting around (9)
- 6 Crown leading lady for a lark (5)
- 9 Figure out brilliant joke (5)
- 10 When in retirement was deceitful about tax secreted (9)
- 11 I sort daily out to create harmony (10)
- 12 Talkative bird's scrummy naughty bits (4)
- 14 Exposed slippery individual caught in fresh contract (3,4)
- 15 Do the cleaning - there's no time for cute little pet (5,2)



- 17 Split curtains what are left after lighting-up time's over (3-4)
- 19 Nick and Paddy's dog (7)
- 20 Questions asked in last letter in the Times in the morning (4)
- 22 Perhaps lady is seduced by cunning touring actor (10)
- 25 Looking back, in past I did revolt and got carried away (7,2)
- 26 Sparkling fellow becoming tense in a bit of a dither (5)
- 27 Squeeze is in shape and trendy (3,2)

28 Lecherous old politician's point about English rule (9)

Down

- 1 Waddling creatures' leader going topsy-turvy - they slip easily on ice! (5)
- 2 Reprobate, name unknown, wearing stolen gear (9)
- 3 Lascivious naked babes offering saucy bite (5,5)
- 4 Makes trellis to cage bird (7)
- 5 Pays tribute to old music makers supporting appeal (7)
- 6 Man's unnamed

group of charming associates (4)

7 Silly place for young child to go (5)

8 Wine transporter's favourite to get privileged treatment (3,6)

13 Male police officer's impressed by US capacity in air transport (10)

14 It's odd Den evidently failed to stay alert ... (6,3)

16 ... still an objective for those following stars (9)

18 Something fruity's spelled out in most rude limericks (7)

19 Washington's still

upset about Hillary's original facility for getting into hot water (7)

21 Talented English singer starts to provide translations for the French (5)

23 Your old man's European plant (5)

24 Trailer space in port (4)