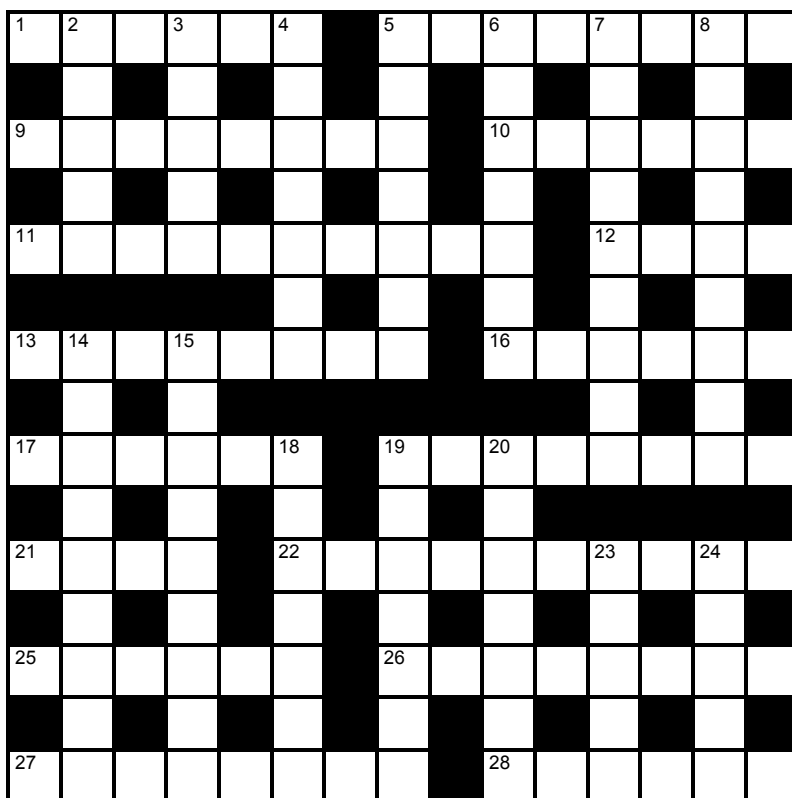


**A Crossword for Comic Relief: Friday  
13th March**

Chuck a quid in somebody's bucket



**Across**

**1** Man in dialogue with thespian, it's often suggested. (6)

**5** Twerking birds told stories of footballers' wives (8)

**9** Worms drink the epitome of genius (8)

**10** Become boring East German with funny bones removed (6)

**11** Farcically miscues the notepaper (5,5)

**12** Stole hobbit comic (4)

**13** One takes mushroom in either Douglas or Lancaster, say (8)

**16** Old classification of Keystone Cops & the like, delivered pompously (6)

**17** A film about DeVito starting in the middle (6)

**19** Bluest rump held in price (8)

**21** Lied about doing nothing (4)

**22** Mrs.Simpson cut in on friend on the edge (10)

**25** Funny-peculiar dislocation of Australia in North Sea (6)

**26** Press is covering street humorists (8)

**27** Georgia's bottom may finally inflame Iran about old subject (8)

**28** Old tune played as

instruction to 'Get 'em off!' (6)

**Down**

**2** Setters' sort of jokes, unacceptable these days (5)

**3** Laugh at French saint running perhaps (5)

**4** Get in first before short temporary pantomime (3-4)

**5** Barbara Castle (7)

**6** Famous sibling in rough company stopped fighting (7)

**7** Positioned between Murray & La Frenais, the first of seven Strasbourg residents? (9)

**8** Dawson lying about swapped over paper clips on the cutting room floor? (9)

**14** Palin & Bush inadvertently made sonic nonsense (9)

**15** Eternally friendless and laughably vacant but not today (9)

**18** Part of the ensemble giving Brooke-Taylor excruciating pain (7)

**19** Foul flesh film franchise broadcast (7)

**20** These days I sit like Arbuckle (7)

**23** *Abfab* idea pared back 'live' (5)

**24** Town can vocally fashion Morecambe's football team (5)