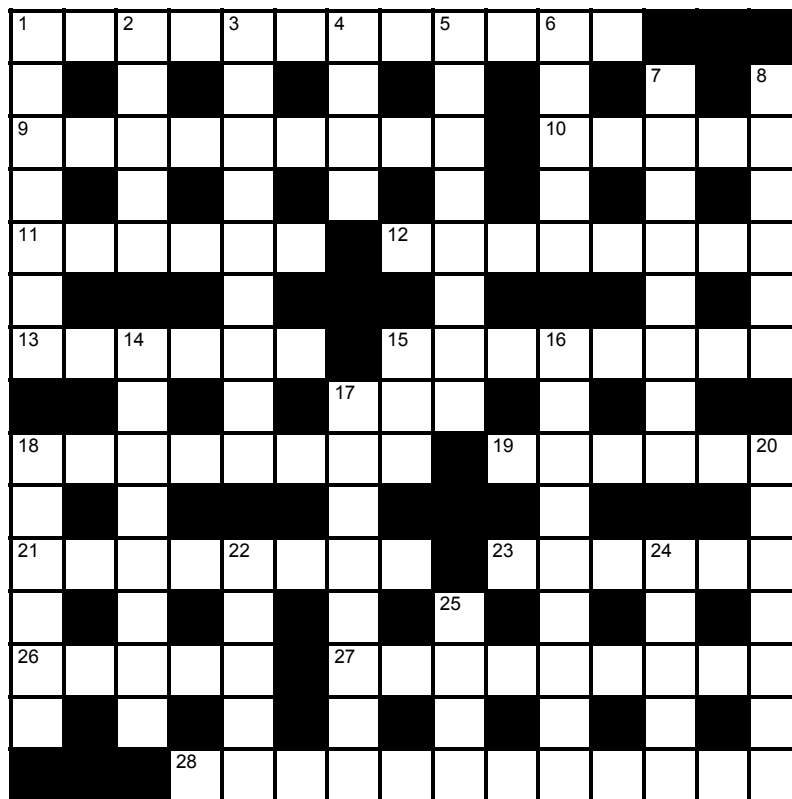


**Across**

- 1 Grind over diagram before you start making salsa, perhaps (12)
- 9 Purity in no spoken meaning (9)
- 10 King, queen and a whole set of countries get another performance (5)
- 11 Horrifies friends working for Associated Press (6)
- 12 Change points in broken rafter (8)
- 13 It's not odd to follow the Spanish team (6)
- 15 Joints where uncle's getting mixed up with two Ku Klux Klan members (8)
- 17 Suitable primarily for that thing (3)
- 18 Box for madman's Christmas treat (8)
- 19 One who persists in hanging around? (6)
- 21 Seriously windy on the outskirts of Leatherhead after an uneventful start (8)
- 23 Stuffs the last of her inside ornaments (6)
- 26 Enthusiasm



- evident in riots' ugly return (5)
- 27 It shows stylish despot is lacking time (9)
- 28 Others having not so much head movement (12)
- 4 Galling to lose 3-5 to another team (4)
- 5 Deviant to live in gross accommodation (8)
- 6 Superman, maybe? No, it's a bird! (5)
- 7 Paintings entirely composed with skill (8)
- 8 Caught up in perverse ransom traps (6)
- 14 Elton covers rock singer is to revive (8)
- 15 Tackle last part of task with computer know-how (3)
- 16 Number of eye problems falls (9)
- 17 Fat little bird eats fifty at breakneck speed (4,4)
- 18 See 1
- 20 Once again, organises holiday accommodation (7)
- 22 Discussed the risk to stop this ultimately returning (5)
- 24 Wriggle endlessly to get slim (5)
- 25 Lied about being lazy (4)

**Down**

- 1/18 Pound missing from redesigned metallic coins - it's a worrying global situation (7,6)
- 2 Allow private parking to surround university (3,2)
- 3 Dead battery found by Hospital Department A1 (9)