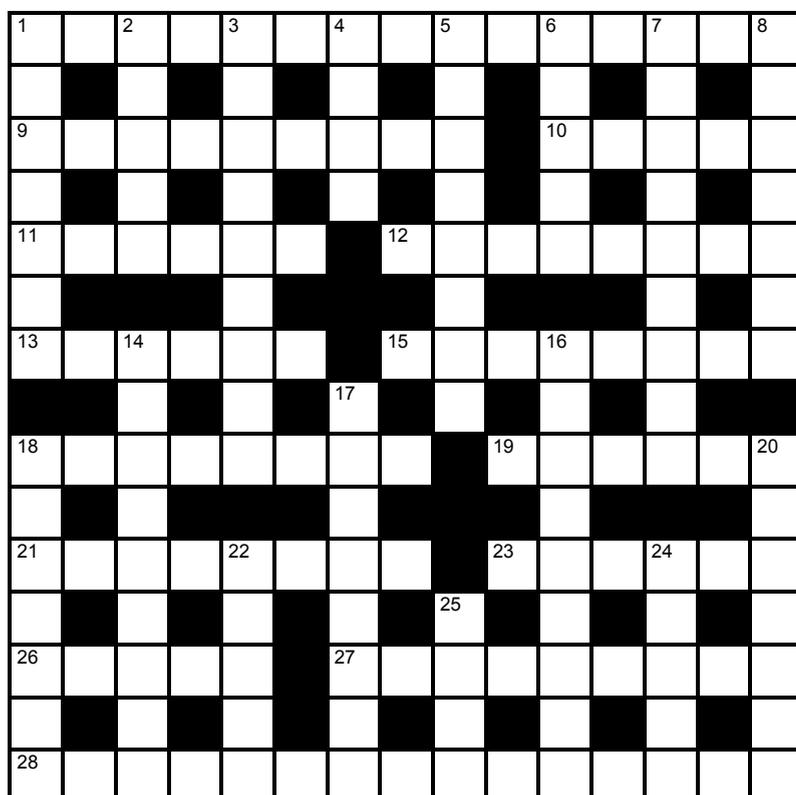


A joint crossword featuring clues from 21 members of DIY COW



Across

- 1 Gigs around circuit for promising bands? (10,5)
- 9 Worship with empty words spoken at some length (9)
- 10 Intrinsically banal - like a learner on an organ? (5)
- 11 Character one ditched near the end of dance (6)
- 12 Overtake competitors at the outset in rough tracks in this? (5,3)
- 13 Instruction to recover defective memory (6)
- 15 Reaction concerning odds on steeplechase finalists (8)

18 One arm is

sufficient to carry runners-up trophy? (4,4)

19 Lay into

youngster's work only occasionally (4,2)

21 State of old crock drinking in bar (8)

23 Rabbit on some straw captures lead in Blyton book (6)

26 Goodwill ambassador starring in *Changeling* (5)

27 Dull one's followed separately by relative and friend (9)

28 Oil producer engineering promising veneer (7,8)

Down

1 One helping you learn and be organized (7)

2 Stupid man leaves dirty monogram for servant (5)

3 Wimbledon's one fine spell ends before noon (5,4)

4 Miss the beginnings of meetings and I'm dead (4)

5 Square menswear for an older age group? (8)

6 Extremely romantic college dons of Tolkien's letters? (5)

7 Illegal substance found in trunk. Case for constabulary! (4,5)

8 Adjust ear plugs

after leaving a noisy display (7)

14 Girl nearly under Victor - it's the drink! (9)

16 The sort of element one can see in a theatre? (9)

17 A season in which one's hopeful (8)

18 Provide voice-over artist in drunk rant with ecstasy (7)

20 Introduce limits to popular European grant (7)

22 Dish dog up? It'll upset no end of Liberals! (5)

24 Party to vote against? (5)

25 Pretty blonde (4)