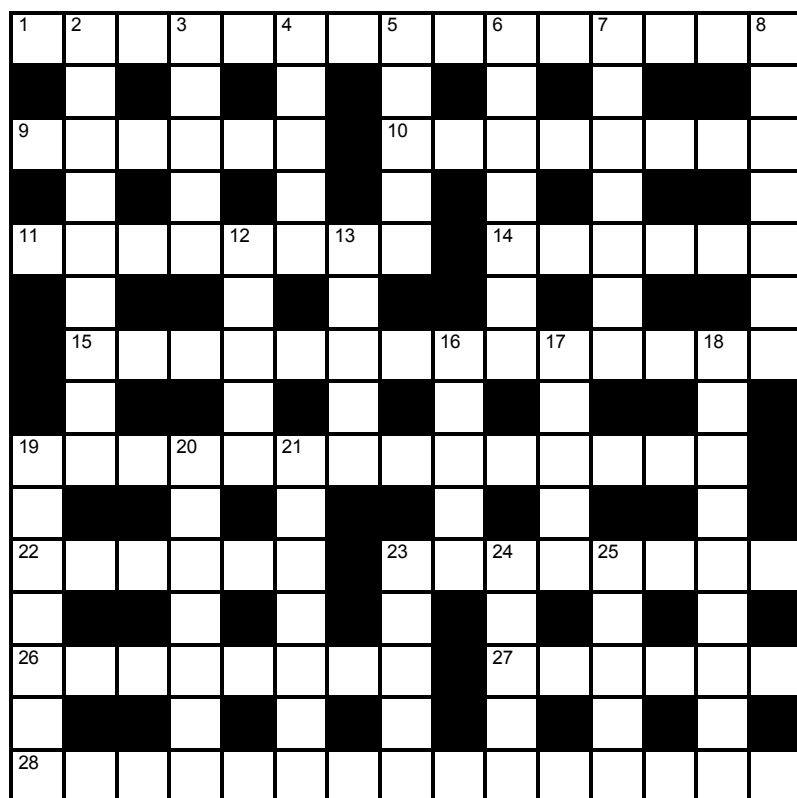


PB.com New Year's Day Crossword



Across

- 1** Holiday in America planned for 2016, provided there's no loss this year? (12,3)
- 9** Leader of the Opposition in the news, reprinted for a foreign country (6)
- 10** Over-egg first requirement for would-be Liverpool MPs? (8)
- 11** Church painter is a supporter of reform (8)
- 14** Most irregularly, agents come back to detain Democrat (6)
- 15** Major daren't meet lass in trouble (5,9)
- 19** Party political broadcasts seen at half-time (14)

- 22** Is in depressed state - won't admit to it (6)
- 23** Sue's rear is wobbly - tell her it's ok! (8)
- 26** Sheath is demanded (8)
- 27** Lurkers are encouraged to get iron on target (4,2)
- 28** Shapps 26 establishment got its funding directly (5-10)

Down

- 2** Hatred often attracts repeated comments (3,6)
- 3** Duck! First person hiding amongst playful deer (5)
- 4** Listlessness of nine stumbling around centre of Tours (5)
- 5** Charge against account - I must be in the red (5)
- 6** Having no members, union admits liberals and opponents (4,3)
- 7** Yvette pleased by journalist with cullions (2,5)
- 8** Measure troops employed in switching or shunting (7)
- 12** Joint ownership? Not here, we hear (5)
- 13** Discover incomplete short form of latest union member - something fishy going on at the top? (5)
- 16** Lead out English artist of 19 and 21 (5)
- 17** 121, say, or every other number (5)
- 18** Forceful, since first shot has it returned (9)
- 19** Confusing number in simple arithmetic (7)
- 20** Cameron was once excellent leader before perplexing nation (7)
- 21** Very modest, Nick's potential successor seeks favour for the whole party (4,3)
- 23** Bones: two of these in longest chord? (5)
- 24** Brown, for example, might enjoy punting here? (5)
- 25** Fantasy state I initially find interesting (3-2)