

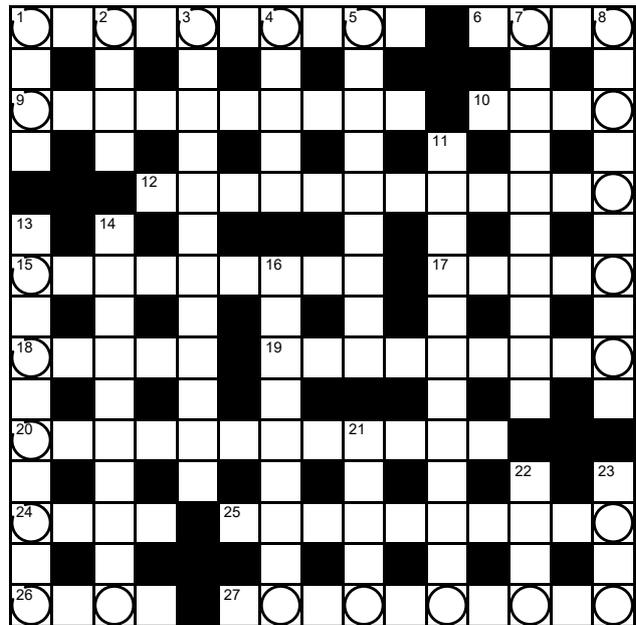
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Across

- 1 Keeping a tradition for the old boy briefly to meet the staff downstairs, I heard (10)
- 6 Animal pen (4)
- 9 Corrie set I originally designed here? (10)
- 10 It's common sense for the French, we read (4)
- 12 Fetching a monster home is what makes you so lovable (12)
- 15 Singer's stand-in bringing tears to one's eyes, nearly? Quite the opposite! (9)
- 17 Ominous husky sound (5)
- 18 Strange, Tom: ET has a symbolic meaning for those who valued home and family (5)
- 19 Leave poor Eric inside to find the hall porter (9)
- 20 Short commons some troops initially received for service (12)
- 24 Couple getting cold offered appropriate transport (4)
- 25 Engaging newcomer's drunk gin (10)
- 26 Smell that's just part of Edinburgh for the locals (4)
- 27 Contribute to temper (10)

Down

- 1 Cookie some consider offensive, some - more often - rather tasteful (4)
- 2 Bed you might be given at work if you're always sleepy? (4)
- 3 Dancer's Christmas meal, cook, seems in order (8,4)
- 4 Othello, for example, talked about a love affair (5)
- 5 Bari can be mistaken for another holiday destination (9)
- 7 Open and fair? That's literally beyond those controlling the company (5-5)
- 8 I'm told you'd go here for the most sought-after wine (10)



- 11 Spurious GOP index gain the paramount leader's fudged (4,8)
- 13 Help to take shot Potter home perhaps (10)
- 14 Keep talking at a match? One gets worn out! (10)
- 16 Not out, right? You cannot be serious! (9)
- 21 /7 (5)
- 22 Not quite ... bedtime? (4)
- 23 Not for gain, perhaps (4)