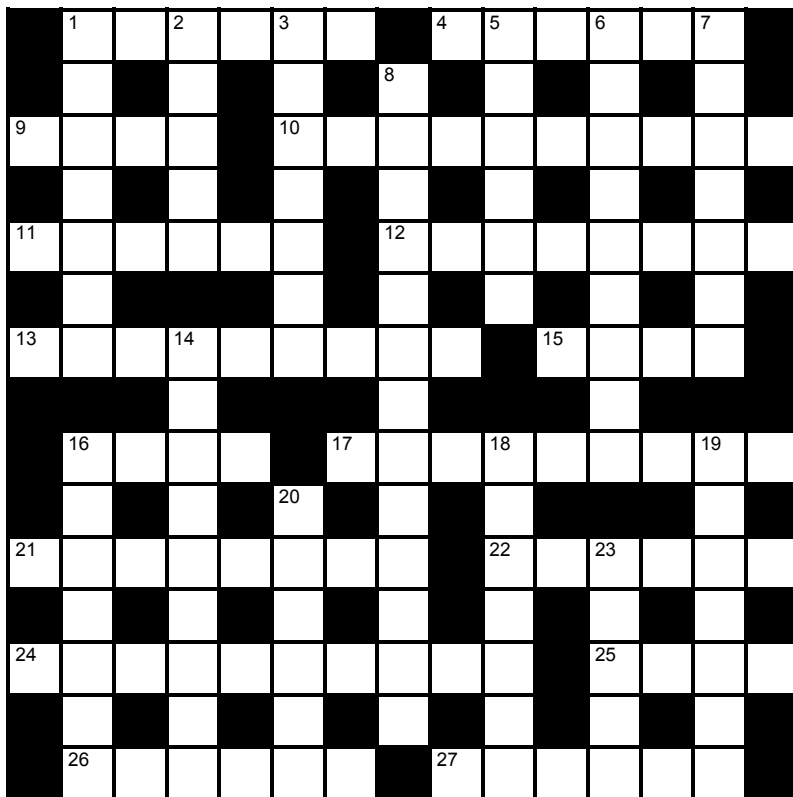


ARENA



Across

- 1** Spoil drink (6)
4 A train crash is 3 (6)
9 Contents of coffer I gain from could be 3 (4)
10 May be framed after shooting (10)
11 Half celibates renounce ale ,oddly (6)
12 Ampere and kilowatt possibly stop getting cold (4,4)
13 Earliest information about Hebrew (9)
15 3, moreover (4)
16 3 originally left in Manchester area (4)

- 17** Caps chief warders are seen wearing (9)
21 3 of China tea-sets can contain tape (8)
22 3 taking part in ritual, is bonkers (6)
24 Grotesque in recessed halls (10)
25 He is a 3 (4)
26 Most reasonable potential senators or not (6)
27 Introduces ones Siamese cat and receives special awards (6)

Down

- 1** Weird descriptions (once 'd' is removed) - 1 across perhaps (7)
2 Talk in invigorated fashion (5)
3 Cash, a typical worry, without you beginning! (7)
5 Press editor briefly harassed DeNiro (6)
6 Eastend school, or to put it another way, a biscuit (9)
7 Smear deadly spears with last of aconite (7)
8 Crocket's niece appears very complicated (6,7)

- 14** Played 'Simon Said' for a fee (9)
16 Top people in newspapers (7)
18 Joins up and let in the Nazi lunatic (7)
19 Badly shop soiled but not his barkers (7)
20 3 buried in 'heathen soil' (6)
23 Measure first step and measure back again (5)