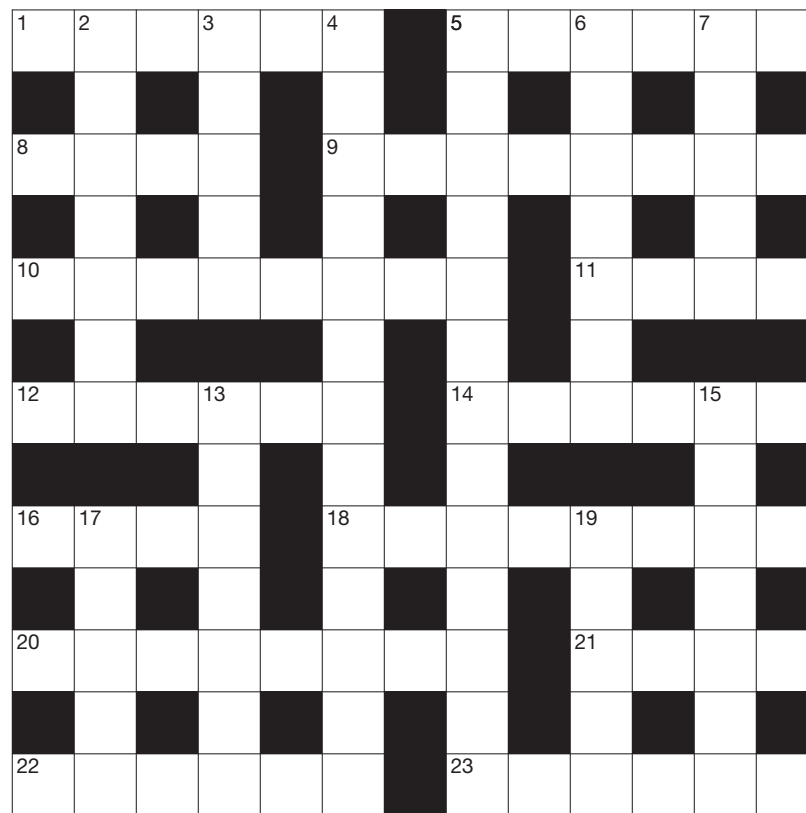


**Across**

- 1 Drink some liquid (7)
- 5 Gives a quick punch to (4)
- 8 Absolute (5)
- 9 Least difficult (7)
- 11 Sector (4)
- 12 Jinxed (3-5)
- 15 Literary work (5)
- 16 Second (5)
- 19 Rampant fear (8)
- 21 *Singin' in the Rain* dancer, Kelly (4)
- 23 Sent away for (7)
- 25 Red playing-card suit (5)
- 26 Guernsey or Jersey, eg (4)
- 27 Unfortunate (7)

**Down**

- 2 Observers (9)
- 3 Former Italian currency unit (4)
- 4 Excessively (6)
- 5 Body-weight grading (inits) (3)
- 6 Copy and \_\_\_\_ (5)
- 7 Bucolic (5)
- 10 Security (6)
- 13 Amusement ground (5,4)
- 14 Profession (6)
- 17 Obscured (6)
- 18 River mouth (5)
- 20 Units of three feet (5)
- 22 Dialectal 'you' (4)
- 24 Female sheep (3)



**Across**

- 1 Fable (6)
- 5 Protects (6)
- 8 Animals used for finding truffles (4)
- 9 Caused to happen (8)
- 10 Cranial pain (8)
- 11 God as father (4)
- 12 Inert (6)
- 14 Gives way (6)
- 16 Geometric figures (4)
- 18 Requested back (8)
- 20 Austral (8)
- 21 Learned (4)
- 22 Assets (6)
- 23 Religious dissent (6)

**Down**

- 2 Famous and admired (7)
- 3 Abated (5)
- 4 One-way electricity flow (6,7)
- 5 Small, spring-flowering bulb (5,8)
- 6 Stir up (7)
- 7 Dork (5)
- 13 Contorted (7)
- 15 Puts on clothes (7)
- 17 Smell (5)
- 19 Further down (5)