

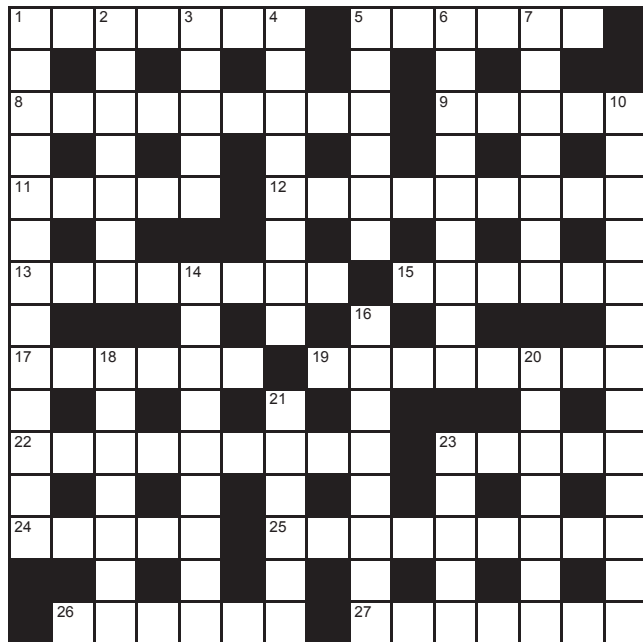
# Crossword 16,610 Set by Chalmie

## ACROSS

- 1 I'm not sure about conservationists before one comes in (7)
- 5 Philosophical stance that 24 hours is a month (6)
- 8 Missing Ireland, young female has the blues, missing parts even of easy ballet moves (9)
- 9 Imposing taxes without the French competing (5)
- 11 New party starts to hunt aggressively (5)
- 12 Earl has doubts about king's attendants (9)
- 13 Hear "hotel" is tent outside walls (6,2)
- 15 Deadly gas in our vicinity – stick together! (6)
- 17 Areas of responsibility when restricting amount transmitted (6)
- 19 Launches imitations (8)
- 22 Took finely mashed cut of meat for energy (9)
- 23 To get on with colleagues, meet at home (3,2)
- 24 Express feelings as far right leaves (5)
- 25 Regret finding gourmet mostly mutilated in scene of 1 down's 27 (3,6)
- 26 Landlord, 22 from 1 down (6)
- 27 Kills returning sister with electronic instrument (7)

## DOWN

- 1 Writer glad aeroplane crashed (5,5,3)
- 2 Criminals which I am holding, including the First Lady (7)
- 3 No-good singer messed up (5)
- 4 1 down's 5 down Ted heard is horrible (3,5)
- 5 What's central to surrealism as questionable court entertainment in Tudor times (6)
- 6 Navy constantly increasing, as 1 down's 11 said (9)
- 7 America turned over apparently frozen papers in self-destructive act (7)
- 10 Girls' nose-pegs revolt people like Mahalia Jackson and Al Green (6,7)
- 14 Outgoing message to dog with start at the bottom (9)
- 16 Swallowed by fish – total nightmare (3,5)
- 18 Identifying lines when hearing dog recite poetry? (3,4)
- 20 Weary lot devours half a reptile (7)
- 21 A number more angry about someone noisy in bed (6)
- 23 White grains, usually 50 in number (5)



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