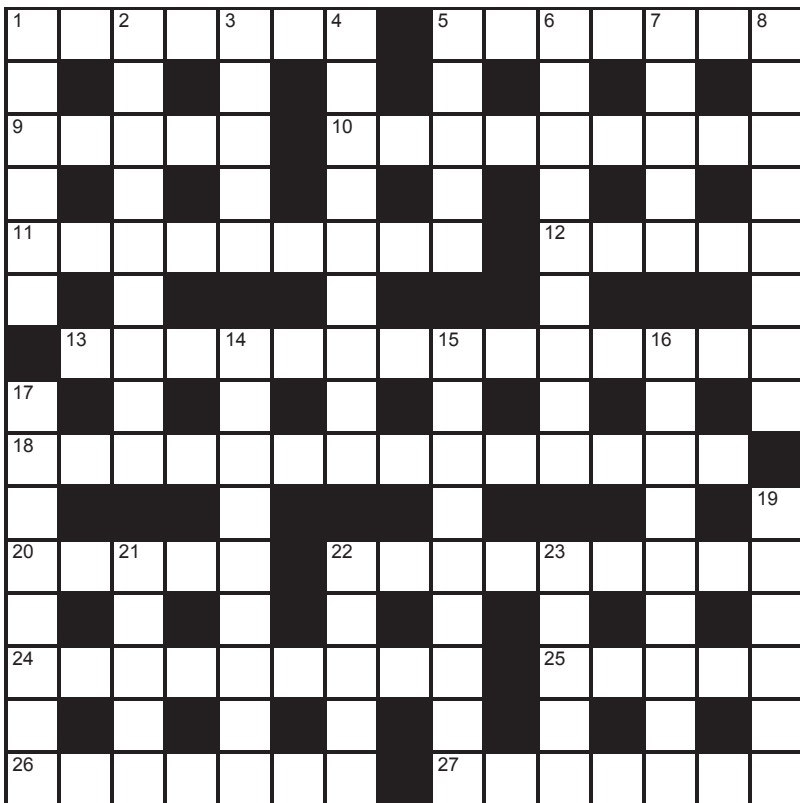


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ACROSS

- 1, 5** WASHINGTON POST? It's full of them (7,7)
9 Area in football club closing at end of first half (5)
10 Flower putting scent, say, into soft soap (9)
11 Spills from open vessels (9)
12 Prince of foreign 9 using euro, originally in place of pound (5)
13 Device for inputting chart? Small chart in ICT setting (8,6)
18 Public house emptied out, to combat one way of obtaining drugs (4,3,7)
20 Appeal with some vigour when opener one short of a ton? (5)
22 Misplace tabulation partly showing depressions in hip area (9)
24 Bad mood caused by sick joke? (3,6)
25 Swimming group that's also hard-working (5)
26, 27 Fiancée oddly no longer angry vespers cut out these? (7,7)

DOWN

- 1, 17** Gas cooker not approved by the Queen (6,8)
2 Leaves on this, having intention to be in Paris by start of evening (5,4)
3 Prove attractive to couple wanting top personal trainer (5)
4 Rakish French composer standing in queue? (9)
5 Fast car? Boorish males have an increasingly high time . . . (5)
6 . . . on the other hand, hen night gets abandoned with one hour gone and AA brought in (4,5)
7 One using mic regularly? (5)
8, 19 Part which young children learn in school play (8,6)
14 Chat-up line is one primarily about essential oil (9)
15 Plant produced from seed that's hard to prune (9)
16 Sugar briefly loses value when cooked (9)
17 See 1
19 See 8
21 Half-hearted 7, given revised opening fight (5)
22 In the middle of stewing mango (5)
23 Lost some of what's earnings-related (2,3)

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