

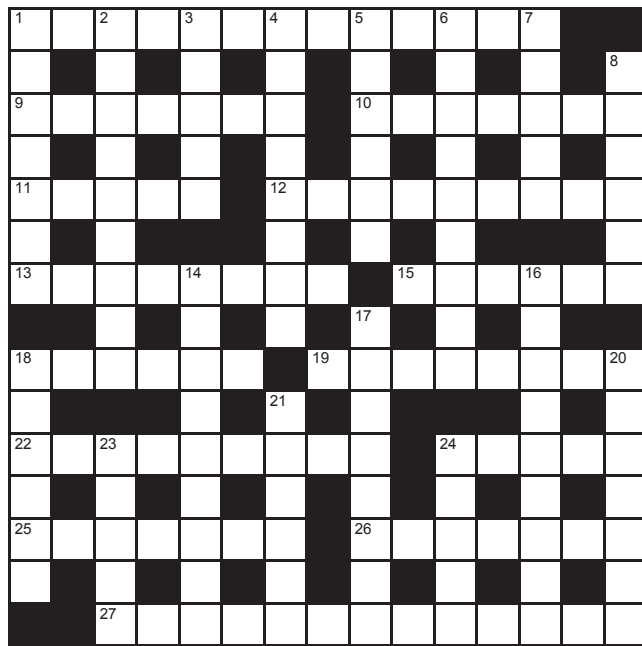
Crossword 16,894 Set by Buccaneer

ACROSS

- 1 Brooding, like Britain before the Romans arrived? (13)
- 9 Went to sleep, but one's later heard again (7)
- 10 Building a two-person family extremely readily (7)
- 11 Two postgraduate degrees? One is a killer! (5)
- 12 Cool cartoon character on rocket's heading for Dog Star (3,3,3)
- 13 Maybe James Joyce's style and craft (8)
- 15 A European, in essence, is a discriminating type (6)
- 18 Sailing boat carrying five carp (6)
- 19 Husband, close shaven? (8)
- 22 Where firewood may be placed, not hard to mix (9)
- 24 Sneakily listen to the French horn (5)
- 25 Result when catching hanky-panky in bathroom (2,5)
- 26 I'm tickled by fat religious reformer (7)
- 27 Issue for greengrocers to include one's addresses (13)

DOWN

- 1 It's a wonder lover hasn't American passport, say (7)
- 2 Worthy English setter's housed by animal shelter (9)
- 3 Tea's drunk in this? (5)
- 4 Submarine's less than maximum possible speed picked up (8)
- 5 Brand received by farm animal (6)
- 6 Present person who'll swap partners in ball (9)
- 7 Group's goal is to keep working (5)
- 8 Caught seal in a little pen, perhaps (6)
- 14 Gin and tonic, stirred round, is unrecognisable (9)
- 16 Mao's dire reforms, imprisoning good characters in Beijing? (9)
- 17 Battle station (8)
- 18 King lives with queen, hosting a ruler (6)
- 20 On a dash, gauge small, tight pants (7)
- 21 One who has issue with yearly payment (6)
- 23 Turned up drunk around performance at *La Scala*? (5)
- 24 With casing of bronze, large taps release gas (5)



Solution 16,893

Solution 16,882

