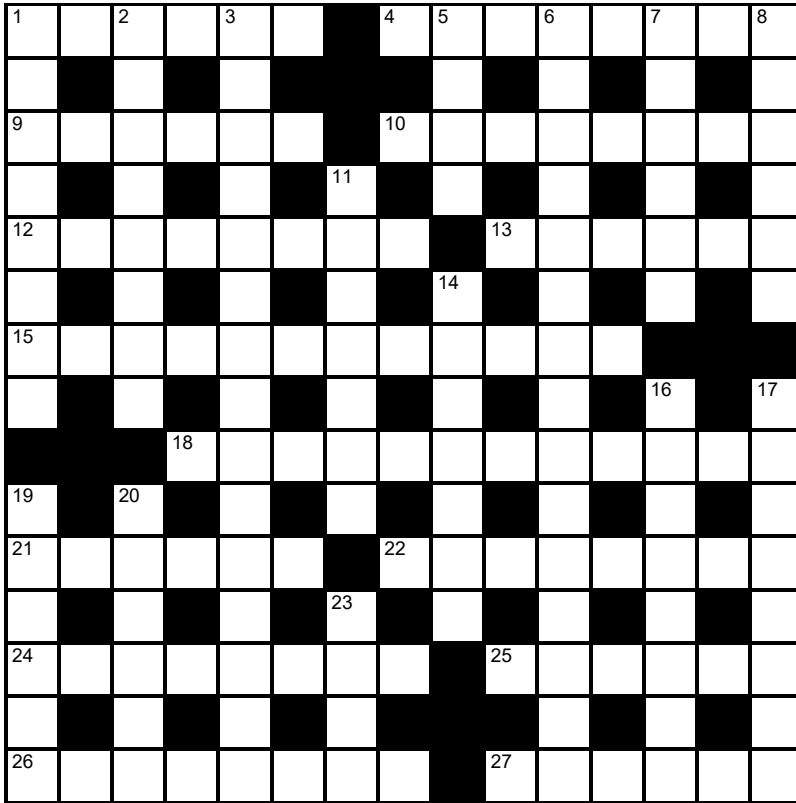


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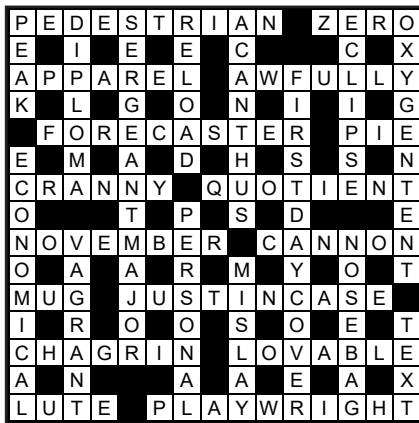
- 1 Key operative to restrain drunk at hearing (6)
- 4 Conspicuous action by way of inaction (8)
- 9 Sweet that's hard for a sweet Fanny Adams (6)
- 10 Research facility cut back just to make a pile in Scotland (8)
- 12 Establish feature of Beethoven's concertos (8)
- 13 One in three fails to finish large drink (6)
- 15 Few can perform this sort of work in bars (7,5)
- 18 Entryphone is malfunctioning — too much pressure (12)
- 21 Remain at base and keep quiet (3,3)
- 22 I'd forgotten headquarters of American networks sideline academia (8)
- 24 Brass fastener for jewellery (8)
- 25 Folk from French city cycling around centre of cottage hospital (6)
- 26 Time of sadness if Moggy takes the lead? (8)
- 27 Creature born violet repeatedly shedding skin (6)

DOWN

- 1 "X" to refuse to admit Conservative's infiltrated faction (8)
- 2 Blue sort applying pressure to Red? (8)
- 3 Perhaps Etonian Member of Parliament's packing here — axed for blatant error? (9,6)
- 5 Tailless crawler (4)
- 6 Electrical device internally warming tree home is spaced out (9,6)
- 7 Break in elevated note encapsulating Queen's sound (6)
- 8 One close to hotel with topless woman's a clubber (6)
- 11 Second automobile salesman turns up. Scram! (7)
- 14 Patrons failing to comprehend odd bits of Euro duties (7)
- 16 Vegetable pie almost needs no time to cook (8)
- 17 Could it transport one up at Oxford? (8)
- 19 Tree on top of the world (6)
- 20 Image maker wants fairy queen uplifted by players, capturing essence of Purcell (6)
- 23 Return to Sender (4)

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