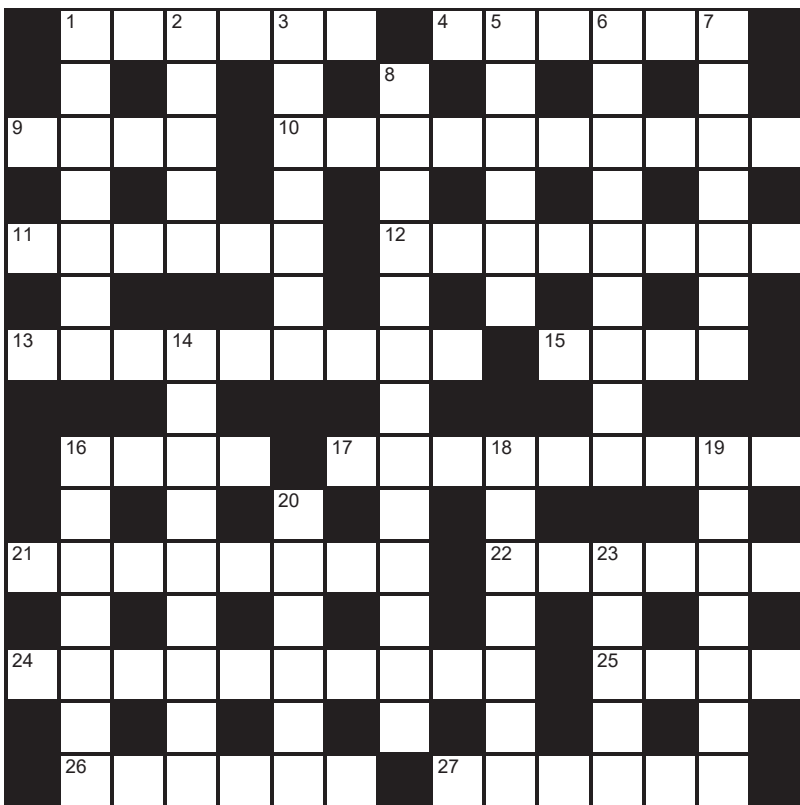


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ACROSS

- 1 Pay attention at commencement of stretching exercises (3-3)
- 4 Section of Hull library, having withdrawn first part of *Great Expectations*, is gutted (6)
- 9 Princess Grace's tip is to leave party showing a bit of leg (4)
- 10 Outrageously bad lie about teacher is not unacceptable (10)
- 11 Hear Roy Orbison's contribution to US rock channel (6)
- 12 A number recalled uncontrollable movement of scepticism (8)
- 13 Little woman, a Francomaniac? (4,2,3)
- 15 Fly in fast vehicle around North America (4)
- 16 Man and wife enthralled by God (4)
- 17 Songwriters: people making a fortune from lines about sentiment (chiefly) (9)
- 21 Model diagram/pattern in first place (8)
- 22 Claim member's consumed alcohol? On the contrary! (6)
- 24 Wordplay for 'nuder' referring to basic clothing (10)
- 25 Position of society, bereft of prime members, heading for extinction (4)
- 26 Turn soldiers back before French state is overthrown (6)
- 27 Superior sort of toy given to wayward son (6)

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JOTTER PAD

DOWN

- 1 Music of Australia boosted by No 1 from Sonny & Cher (7)
- 2 Take steps to leave after short function (5)
- 3 Amateur's out of form, under pressure in decisive match (4-3)
- 5 Independent car maker is lacking employees, principally in Barking (6)
- 6 Effects of sliding I'd reversed after signals changed (9)
- 7 One so lost in performance? (7)
- 8 Shame to ban old clothing I exchanged for two shillings (13)
- 14 Shop spy following information received (9)
- 16 I'm looking forward to critic taking on Liberal (7)
- 18 Union trouble over single issue (7)
- 19 Firmly and correctly making fresh start (7)
- 20 Naughty child's allowed outside, but he won't go (6)
- 23 Climbing across a ledge requires this rope (5)



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