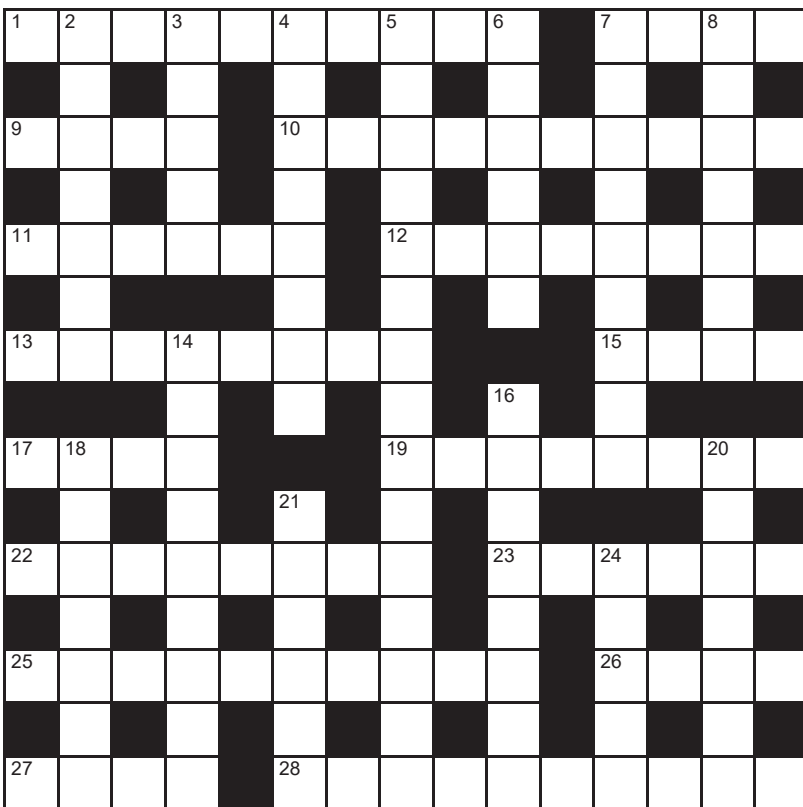


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- 1 Ex-con bedding bird in hay wagon's no Romeo. He wasn't always like this (3-7)
- 7 Foundation graduates given low grade (4)
- 9 So very dismissive of outsiders being given work (4)
- 10 Ad agency employee's instruction to plagiarise? (10)
- 11 Tense United ultimately finished game exhausted (2,4)
- 12 Yarn took in most of new Conservative party bores (8)
- 13 Member of the Lords half-heartedly takes seat, having succeeded, and carries on (8)
- 15 Barbies regularly date between the sheets (4)
- 17 Endlessly bitter plant (4)
- 19 Church rent met by 60% of brass band? (8)
- 22 Treacherous couples leading revolutionary networks gamble with death (8)
- 23 Beats produced by legendary hammer-wielder moving right behind stage initially (6)
- 25 Nautical chamber composition of Gilbert and Sullivan denied a last run, unfortunately (6,4)
- 26 Beethoven's first bit of work as a Viennese composer (4)
- 27 Diver finally inspects North Sea rig (4)
- 28 Post Office meeting about closure of surplus property (10)

DOWN

- 2 Adapt article by bishop in *Time* (7)
- 3 Permitted broadcast for all to hear (5)
- 4 Hotel shortly free to entertain the king for profit (8)
- 5 Unlikelihood of embassies pulling out of grand manoeuvring (15)
- 6 Hurried clear of society after joker turned up and stared (6)
- 7 Strangers meeting bandit led astray (5,4)
- 8 Cover girl suppresses ardent desire (7)
- 14 Criminal using very detailed measurement (9)
- 16 Sweet? Well, it's a pharmacy counter that stocks it (8)
- 18 Schoolteacher is happily embracing nurse (7)
- 20 Proscribe distribution of bergamot to a large extent (7)
- 21 Problem with Chinese dog rearing up (4-2)
- 24 Puzzle about capsized vessel (5)