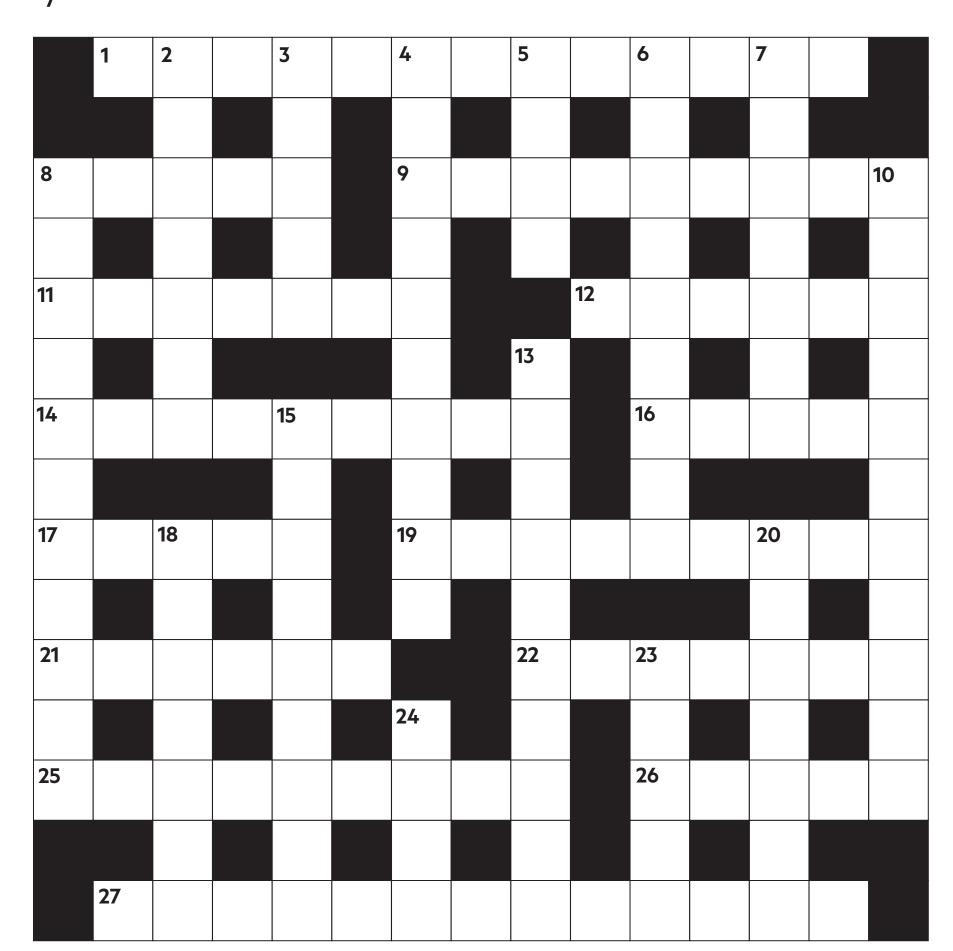
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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic. Two of the Down clues have no definition element, but their answers are seasonally appropriate.

ACROSS

- 1 Cassandra, eg (7, 2, 4)
- **8** Erect, build (3, 2)
- 9 Declaration (9)
- 11 Mixture, blend (7)
- **12** Harm, hurt (6)
- **14** Spiral galaxy nearest to the Milky Way (9)
- **16** Boudicca's ancient British tribe (5)
- **17** Clear off! (3, 2)
- **19** Meeting, convention (9)
- 21 Extreme fear (6)
- 22 Savoury rice dish (7)
- **25** Approval (9)
- 26 Come to understand (5)
- **27** Abrupt and unpleasant revelation (4, 9)

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DOWN

- **2** Shaken by traitor let out by Germany (7)
- 3 Leg involves surgery visit (3,2)
- 4 Segregates badly (6, 4)
- 5 Ring with friend's gemstone(4)
- **6** Visionary maker lied horribly (9)
- **7** Exercise with speed after the start of opening run (7)
- 8 Understanding city hates corrupt politician hiding inside (11)
- **10** Refusing to go to bed with dress hiding top of duvet (7, 4)
- **13** Cooked steak without energy we're getting sorted (6, 4)
- **15** Cost our changes with heartless use and move work elsewhere (9)
- **18** Upstart's mad rave-up around noon (7)
- **20** Number protected by it with wet weather happening (2, 5)
- 23 Part of nostalgia's a longing for a place of beauty? (5)
- 24 Apprehended contemporary, we hear (4)