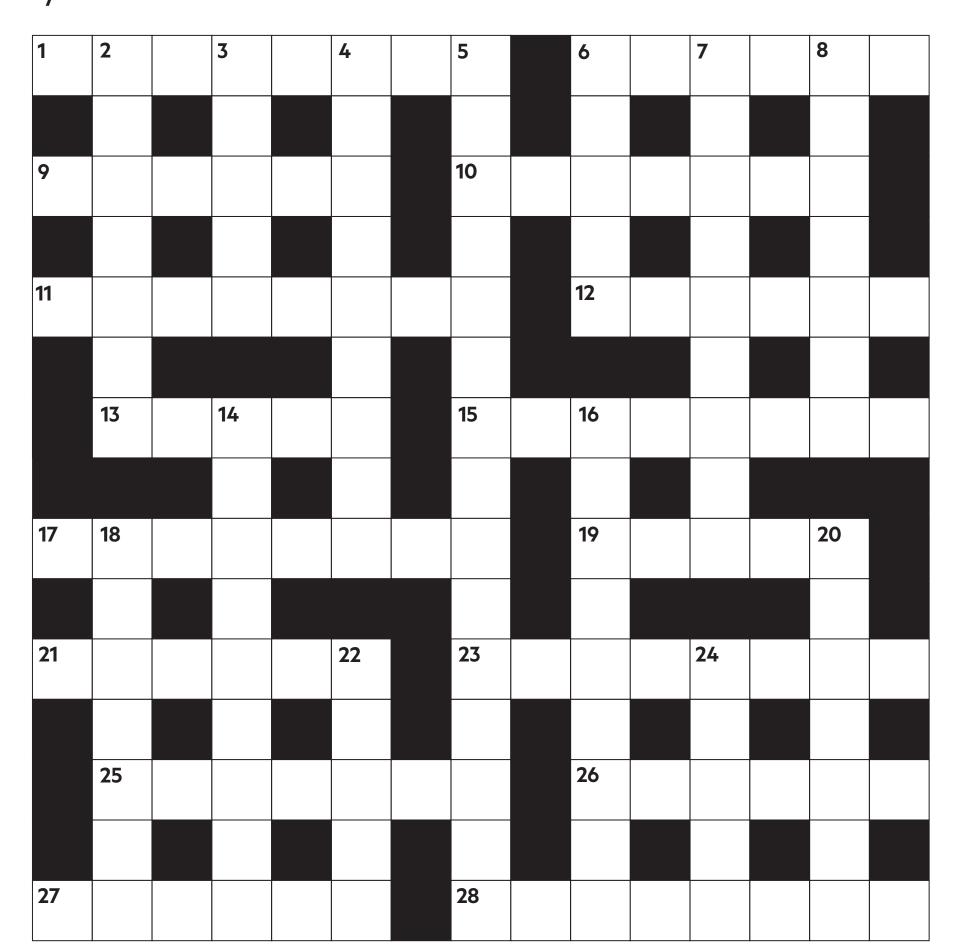
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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- Eccentric (8)
- Participate (6)
- Cricket stats keeper (6)
- Small songbird (7) 10
- Collectively (8) 11
- Old Testament prophet and 12 Mendelssohn oratorio (6)
- Artificial fibre (5) 13
- Abandoned, forgotten (8)
- Next to one another (8) **17**
- Turning blade (5) 19
- One of Caesar's killers (6) 21
- **23** Entwine (8)
- **25** Persistent, lasting (7)
- 26 Papal ambassador (6)
- **27** Smear, dash (6)
- 28 Problem, dilemma (8)

Solution 764



DOWN

- Run out clutching account concerning creature (7)
- Cure's not right for affliction (5)
- Fish with broken cane, 4 perhaps (9)
- Powerful supporter forgets net worth, strangely (5, 2, 8)
- Strange energy over huge lake (5)
- Gad about and endlessly navigate poorly around lakes (9)
- Place to put estate, perhaps, without bins initially for rubbish (7)
- **14** Most stupid, at any rate (9)
- Imaginary country, ancient city and most of Italy are besieged by Iran, perhaps (9)
- **18** Stepped up around fellow sleeping (7)
- 20 Explorer and artist goes to Lancashire town (7)
- 22 Start set and trounce professional (5)
- 24 Killer gets pardon, finally, in German agreement (5)