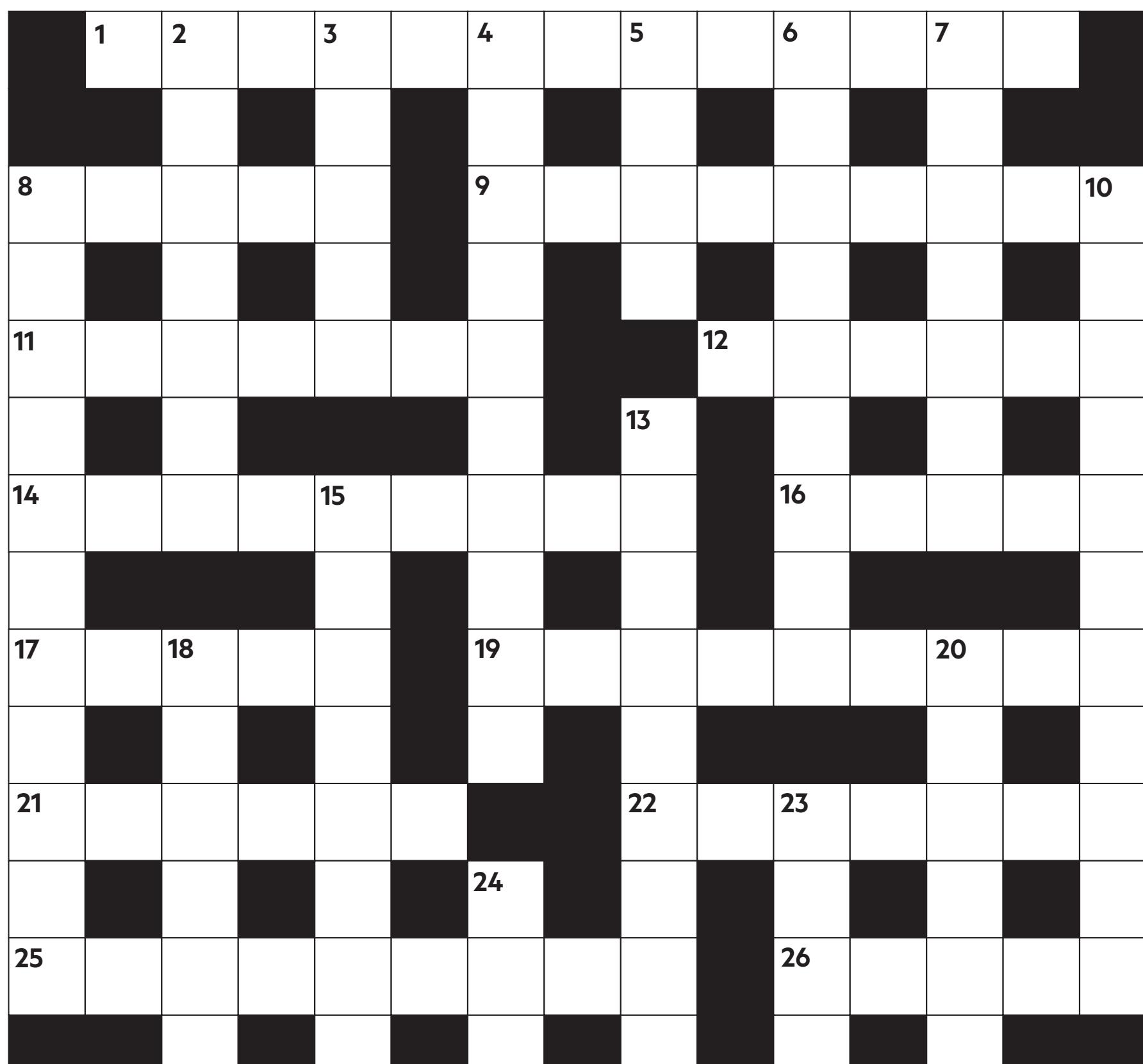


# FT Crossword: Weekend Magazine number 778

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

## ACROSS

- 1 Hard work, industriousness (13)
- 8 Loyalty, faith (5)
- 9 Spotted dog (9)
- 11 Supreme ruler (7)
- 12 Reach (6)
- 14 One given a job (9)
- 16 Lifeless (5)
- 17 Chopped into small cubes (5)
- 19 Perseverance, devotion (9)
- 21 Italian city and *Romeo And Juliet* setting (6)
- 22 Allegorical bible story (7)
- 25 Simple physical comedy (9)
- 26 Push (5)
- 27 Lack of logic, incoherence (13)

## DOWN

- 2 Pay must be adjusted over young creature (5, 2)
- 3 Bury in Lancashire ultimately captured by extremes of terror (5)
- 4 Replacement nurse is confused with duty doctor, initially (10)
- 5 Unattractive fruit for the audience (4)
- 6 Lean into terrible anger — that's a close call (4, 5)
- 7 Exotic mushroom punch in Japanese spirit (7)
- 8 Have unwound with mildest holiday destination (3, 8)
- 10 One's hens get let out, however (11)
- 13 Refined charm roused for Spooner (4-6)
- 15 State aid one's arranged after popular start (9)
- 18 Pirate's rough tune is heard (7)
- 20 Belts out number, at first, that's most magnificent (7)
- 23 Push away piano in part of film (5)
- 24 Skirt motorway in Italy (4)

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## Solution 777

