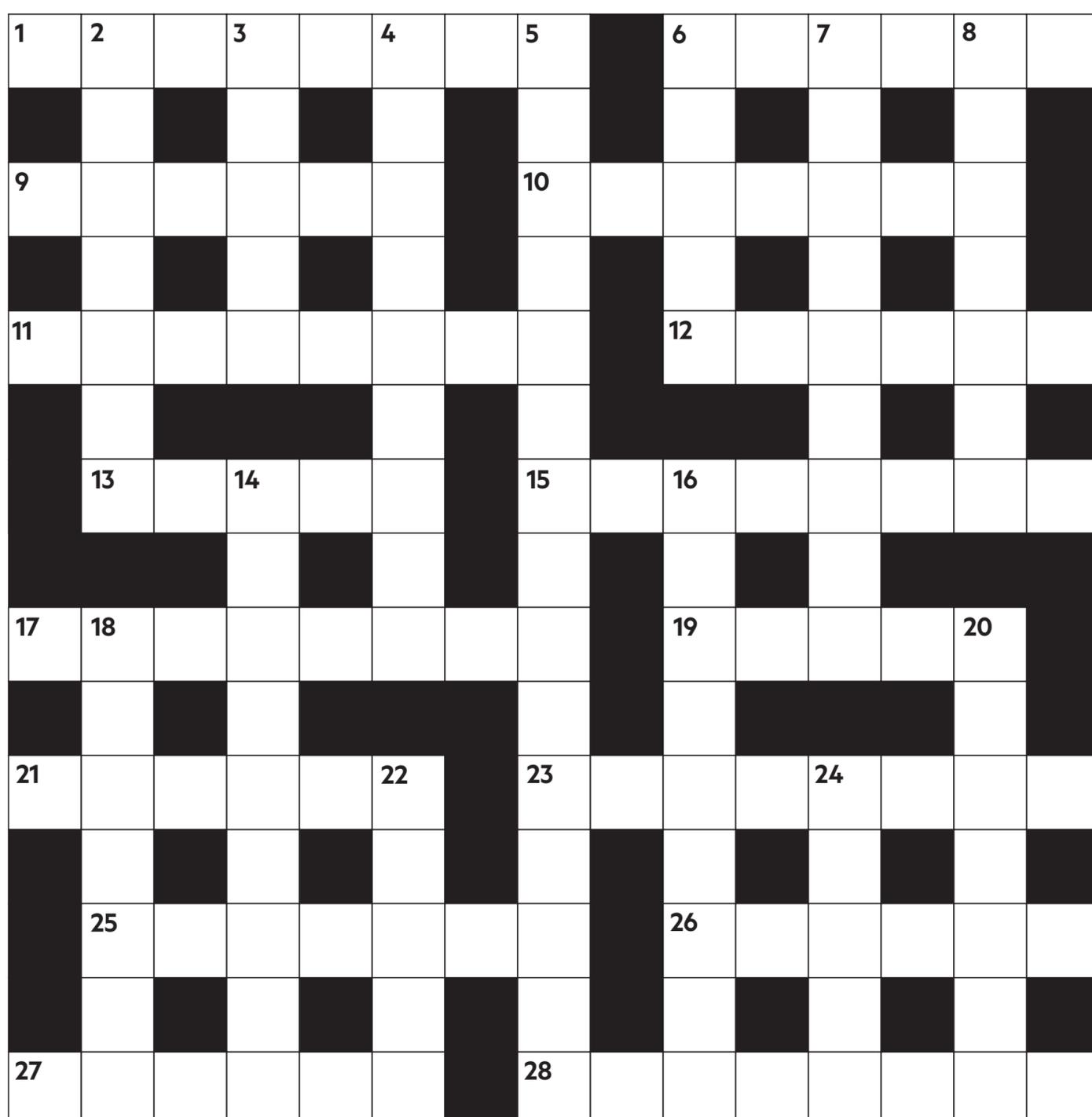


# FT Crossword: Weekend Magazine number 781

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

## ACROSS

- 1 Winter wildflower (8)
- 6 Statue's base (6)
- 9 Canada's capital (6)
- 10 Become worse again (7)
- 11 Australian member of the parrot family (8)
- 12 Ancient Rome's XXX (6)
- 13 Rogue (5)
- 15 Menace, intimidate (8)
- 17 Simple long-barrelled weapon (3, 5)
- 19 Newspapers, magazines etc (5)
- 21 Peg, tap (6)
- 23 Forgetfulness (8)
- 25 Senior politician (7)
- 26 Pay no attention to (6)
- 27 Nursery rhyme shepherdess (2-4)
- 28 Late church service (8)

## DOWN

- 2 Group of associates line up in Kent, perhaps (7)
- 3 It's a hit with writer (5)
- 4 Cooked before and sat for Sunday dish (5, 4)
- 5 It's usual for poacher, perhaps, going around castle with crafty ruse (3, 3, 3, 6)
- 6 Steer one into bed (5)
- 7 Connect energy cap with limit that's adjusted (9)
- 8 Maybe 15 endlessly play here? (7)
- 14 Superiority of other ranks rising in terrible carnage (9)
- 16 Pure evil's horrible — ghastly (9)
- 18 Painting method with current stamp reworked on stucco base (7)
- 20 Endless entertainment administered with somewhere for money (7)
- 22 Add exercise — climbing, getting out for a change (3, 2)
- 24 Goddess is in heaven, usually (5)

## Solution 780

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