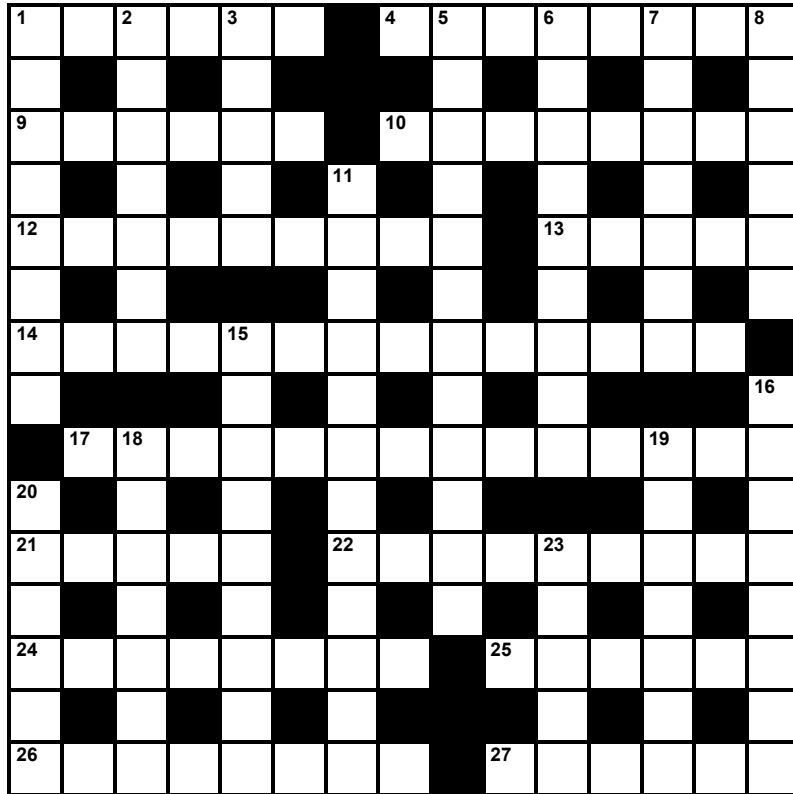


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Across

- 1 Some railway policeman stops to celebrate (6)
- 4 Train intensively once you get socks on (8)
- 9 Stick around, but without British king (6)
- 10 One cat is chewing poisonous plants (8)
- 12 Women in pain stand around getting bikinis and sandals (9)
- 13 Continue to severely criticise cathedral city (5)
- 14 Enter the church to ask priests what they want on their pizzas? (4,4,6)
- 17 Hoping gift will change bedroom activity (6-8)
- 21 Acknowledge French bloke's personal magnetism with advanced degree (5)
- 22 Singer and deejay chasing beer with singles (4,5)
- 24 Guns provided backing to develop script (8)
- 25 Character backing smaller shellfish (6)
- 26 Informer hesitates getting shoes (8)
- 27 Looked hard, having begun to lose time towards the end (6)

Down

- 1 Old music-makers have objections following fire (8)
- 2 Horse exterminator avoids eastern town in Ireland (7)
- 3 Cumberbatch gutted after negative score (5)
- 5 One hoping for recognition from someone in car crash (5,7)
- 6 Chase doctor and journalist inside hotel for the 1% (9)
- 7 A couple of patients beginning to relapse after doing satisfactorily (2,2,3)
- 8 Less intense pride maybe, in English silver (6)
- 11 Chicken beat another bird (12)
- 15 Oddly left pictures up in journalist's military vehicle (4-5)
- 16 Say odd bits of spam are found in Happy Meal (3,5)
- 18 Claim Merseyside to be partly put underwater (7)
- 19 Put up some pictures in oils - that'll clear the air! (7)
- 20 Bosses avoiding king's mistakes (6)
- 23 Jack is the new leader for frequent trip (5)