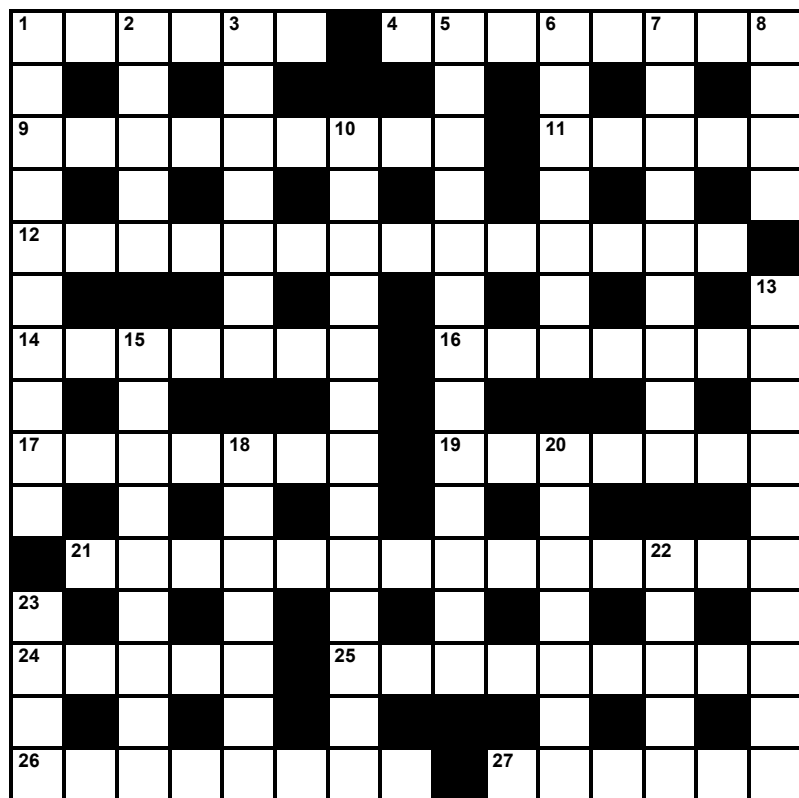


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Across

- 1** Writer to copy in Kent and Surrey (6)
- 4** Breaking toe in collapsed scrum, one will want attention (8)
- 9** Bucolic West Country mother metres away (9)
- 11** Curvy perch eats tuna guts (5)
- 12** Tear up heavy paper then fret about the optimum result (5,4,5)
- 14** Several sopranos slink on stage, holding back great Princess Turandot (7)
- 16** Rooney's complicated choice (3,2,2)

- 17** Quiet one has pointless answer quickly (7)
- 19** Public transport for each walker (7)
- 21** Tell all about mischievous naked chimp and make the man go away (4,3,7)
- 24** Trail a line after opponent's last dice-throw (5)
- 25** Taking on fluid in a hot dry waste (9)
- 26** Stupidest touts get embroiled with Seb (8)
- 27** Vow of silence may even form betrothal (6)

Down

- 1** Rewriting top hymns is not for this composer (10)
- 2** Gather around mountain peak for second draft of chart (5)
- 3** Extra! Extra! Superman begins to sleep! (3-4)
- 5** Extremely foolish to say lip study is wrong (7,6)
- 6** S4C traffic disrupted by import duties (7)
- 7** Cheese possibly first made at river mouth (9)
- 8** Naughty old Penny in a Marseille street (4)
- 10** 560 old records (7-6)

- 13** A recording to be edited (10)
- 15** Omits what trees have in summer (6,3)
- 18** Fences restrain pair of monkeys needed for canoe trip (7)
- 20** Publicly praise a top cop going to US city to meet heads of international mafia (7)
- 22** Freezing up, what 'Oratio Nelson didn't say about a ship on the horizon (5)
- 23** Contained in carrot tops and roses (4)