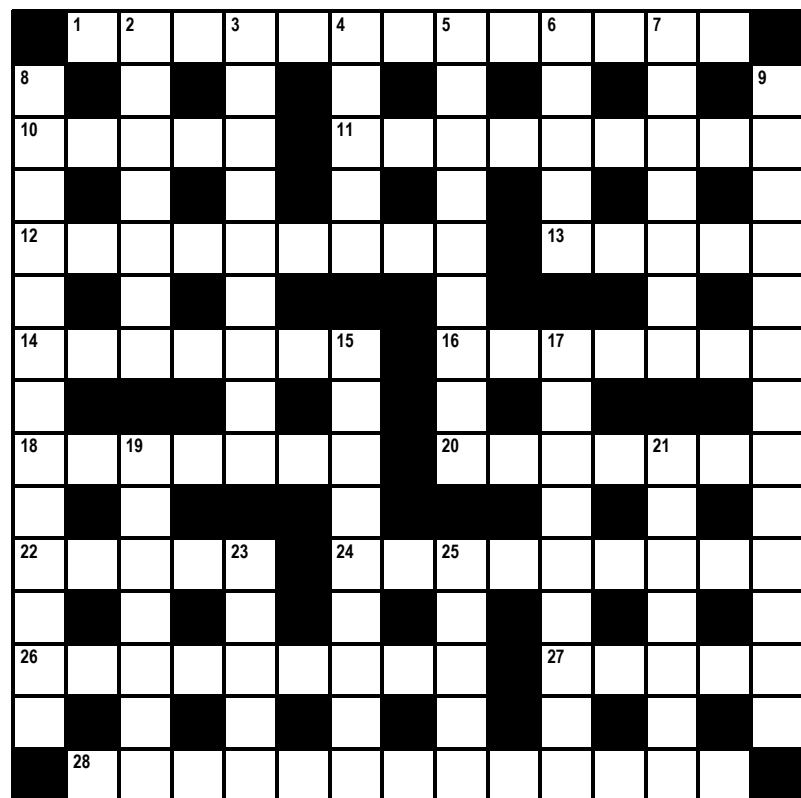


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Wordplay in four clues misses the point



Across

1 Riding capital for French to go to at the beginning of November (13)

10 Consumed a sheep stuffed with langoustine tail (3,2)

11 Fine cups which jowly man once had in bar that never closed (4,5)

12 Outraged, he pays me about a thousand to make a serious complaint (9)

13 After the failure of plans, the next one works (5)

14 What are these? Migration routes or, reportedly, under a gramme? (7)

16 Coming back from where it's at has more attraction (7)

18 Allow in dodderly peer, though already full (7)

20 Former residence of Charles Bronson, artist, politician and heavyweight (7)

22 I leave when men come in with honour (5)

24 Wasting little energy, in effect, I collapse (9)

26 Must I worry before the dead perk up? (9)

27 Carly struggles into close-fitting fabric (5)

28 Coastal resort's trouble seen on ad (8-2-3)

Down

2 Give too much yap? (7)

3 Trifle stirred by a sick type (5,4)

4 Walk in a dream, blearily (5)

5 Northern city noted for bombing (9)

6 Summarise knockabout saga, omitting the Greek character (5)

7 Official report into governance - at Murdoch's insistence - leads to paper folding (7)

8 Host J James's killer in Welsh town (13)

9 Curiously grand site in Sussex (4,9)

15 Town built in Spielberg's time? (9)

17 Mark house and pass on (9)

19 Extravagant entranceway left one column very short (7)

21 Fifth-rate claret turns into syrup (7)

23 A ghost will provoke when coin falls the other way (5)

25 Even if libelled, they run in the London Marathon (5)