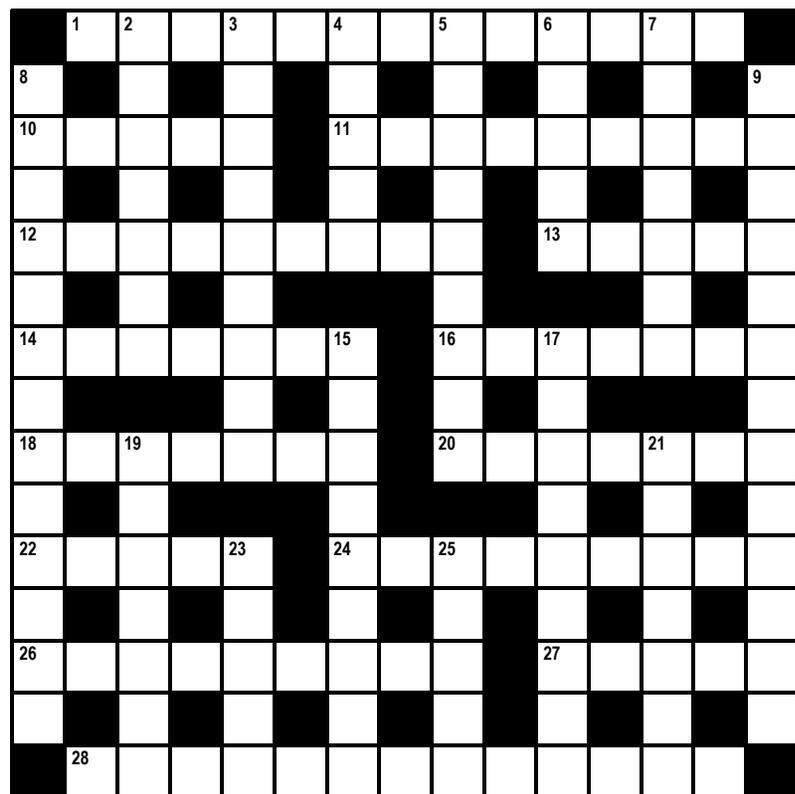


## Alchemi 9 by Alchemi

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)