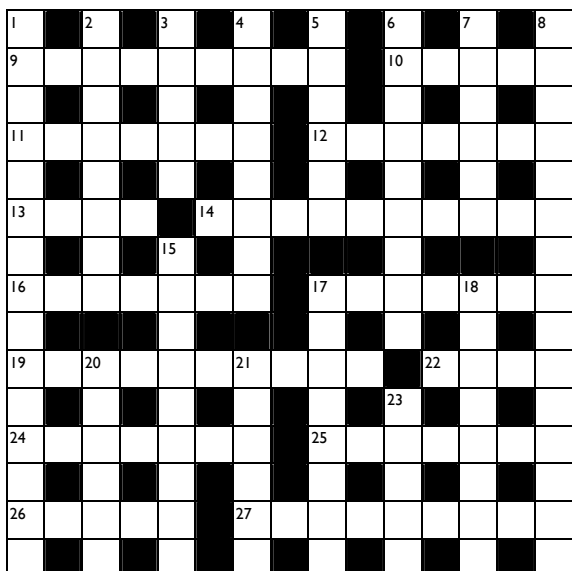


# COMPETITION CROSSWORD



*QUETZALCOATL*

**Prizes to the first two correct entries drawn.**

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## Across

9. Popular variety of somersault (9)
10. A beer at noon regularly is comic (5)
11. Endless charm to fit Oxford lab (7)
12. Like today's snaps or Dawkins' gene? (7)
13. Defenceless 17a swan's plea to mate (4)
14. Residential pad. Nice one by the sound of it? (4-1-5)
16. Lazy operation of a fairground stall (7)
17. Unstructured pub leaves loving mood (7)
19. Team statistics prepare a novel for the radio? (6,4)
22. Paradoxical dialectician (4)
24. A doggone police trainer (7)
25. Stands witness at the Oval, Lords etc (7)
26. Lozenge initially red hot on my breath (5)
27. Profound thinker cracks totaliser! (9)

## Down

1. Deltiologists' most read entreaty?  
Presence hoped for, often at x-marked spot (4,3,4,4)
2. Crack the whip or beaver split/rebuilt (8)
3. Envious when taking back money (5)
4. Nice house in affirmation of evil? (8)
5. New, non-American editor (6)
6. Setter fired up in favour of a total ban (9)
7. Edinburgh's noted laird and 'logger' (6)
8. Terror makes lone Scotsmen shriek (if half cut) (4,4,7)
15. Old navigator's aid stole Arab design (9)
17. A pointless romantic union, spicy! (8)
18. Builders cover up a reported omission (8)
20. Preserve upland and I'll sing about it! (6)
21. Canvas an address in the roll (6)
24. Nation of many French reverses (5)