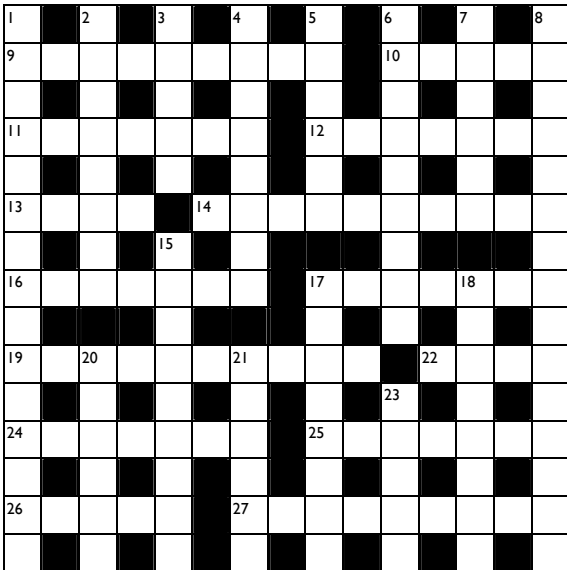


COMPETITION CROSSWORD



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)