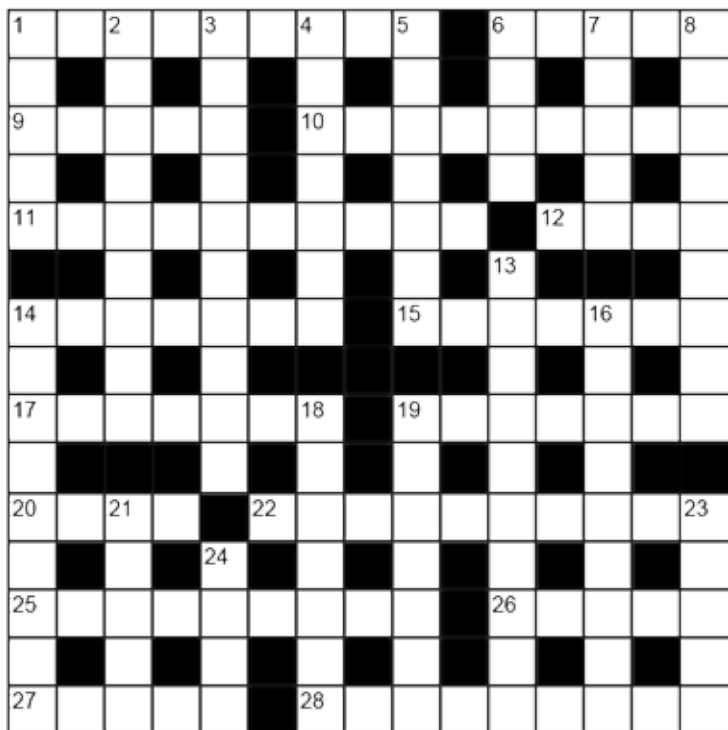


# Competition Crossword



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## Across

1. Seafaring hunter/gatherer races with US general (9)
6. Name jibes are still man/money centric (5)
9. Nearly endless labour takes time (5)
10. Knighting top men with no rich gems (9)
11. Eastleigh workhorse or Cornish myth? (4,6)
12. Within a tocsin echoes an antique tax (4)
14. Storm ripped a party (7)
15. Buried tombs! They spook Greta regularly (7)
17. Short Latin 9, expands – elementary! (7)
19. Lob over clothes, all I use for college (7)
20. Stygian shade starts in no known year (4)
22. Way to drop hints, or any words ... (2,8)
25. Oasis or The Smiths maybe? Di, Ben and I might form one! (5,4)
26. Some certain nerve needed for a good(ish) shot (5)
27. Nosiness not even Noah's tally has (5)
28. Gut's reaction to gin dies off! (9)

## Down

1. Bottle full (as sake) evenly drained (5)
2. Colder sun spawns an evil character (9)
3. Asia and the EU mix, Ed goes, dying to order (10)
4. Home star (Cockney?) plays to acclaim (7)
5. Peerless Tudor palace Hun's con ruined (7)
6. Black, ugly bump? One starts seeing a plague sign! (4)
7. Lilac weaving? 50 to 1 you're hippy (5)
8. Manly knight reported Auden's GPO plug (5,4)
13. Slips I link to play antique game (10)
14. Battle planner? Can I act it out? (9)
16. Signs laid out on violin score (9)
18. Nominally Keynesian and army style (7)
19. Beast not to cross if up in Cambridge (7)
21. In sudoku do solvers get much credit? (5)
23. Soldiers in wrong-doing – alarm! (5)
24. Man's town strip? (4)

Prizes to the first two correct entries drawn.

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