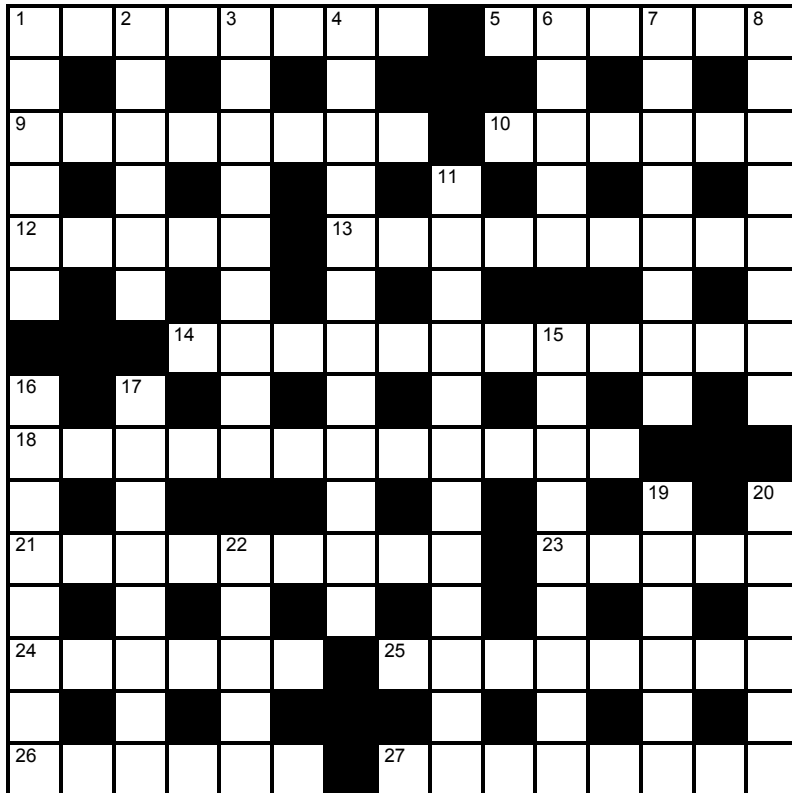


Set by Magwitch



Across

- 1 Display skill used by magnificent men (8)
- 5 Seasoned German party secures independent boss (6)
- 9 Those in the know are under cover before random shooting starts (8)
- 10 Upper class handouts by the Queen cause uneasiness (6)
- 12 When bible study is dropped, revenge is organised in Israel (5)
- 13 Sending upstairs returning French maid to hang around endlessly (9)
- 14 It's nonsense to block free broadcast after Tory attack (12)
- 18 A number stay in bed sick to receive doctor (8,4)
- 21 Squash desire to go into too much in church (9)
- 23 Intended police to seize article (5)
- 24 Double-edged weapon, pre 1st century (6)
- 25 Student drops in from train (8)
- 26 Arrange time to meet the French people (6)
- 27 Cornwall tolerates summer visitors (8)

Down

- 1 Fits new signal (6)
- 2 Leave sample of sapphire signet ring (6)
- 3 Lee proved disposed to demolish the building and start again (9)
- 4 Make children garland people with blue flowers (6-2-4)
- 6 Measure precisely (5)
- 7 Dog found by the line is mine (8)
- 8 Argue for bringing forward the end of desire for tax-free savings (8)
- 11 Labour VIP was keener to be seen privately (5,7)
- 15 Controversial European States (9)
- 16 Analyses about a hundred people with abnormal powers (8)
- 17 Admiral was victorious over foreign craft at end of career (8)
- 19 Lesbian parents volte face halved irrational fear (6)
- 20 Second lock reveals strain (6)
- 22 Cook part of mushroom without recipe (5)