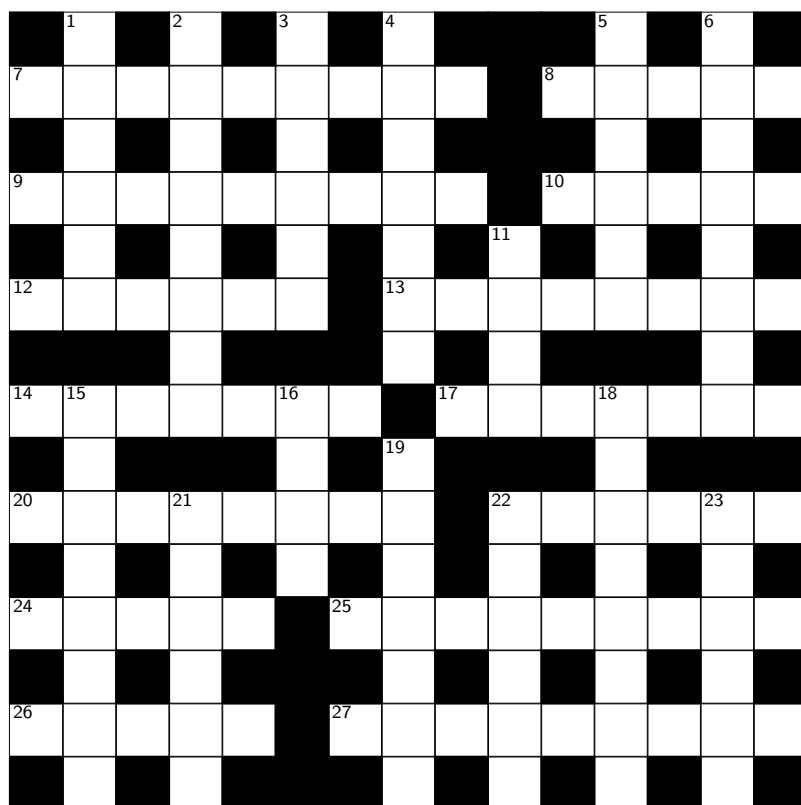


Set by Grub



Across

7. Midweek energy bill, post back in waxy envelope (9)
8. One out of seven supplying crack before heroin (5)
9. People employed to do menial tasks relishing work (9)
10. Holiday home by way of receiving large pound injection (5)
12. Align over opening, with one slotted in (6)
13. Light again, one therefore empty after spell on the throne (8)
14. Coppers at present time without a charge (7)
17. Gurus are grubs, small parasites (7)
20. Suggestion: introduce drug to unwind after pub (8)
22. Joint is almost ruptured, very loud (6)
24. Lukewarm favourite returns one monkey (5)
25. Travellers expressed reservations amidst switches (9)
26. Frenzy gets shoal turning, five eaten (5)
27. Note admits wrongdoing returning after method update (9)

Down

1. High ranking aces climbing, escorting one raw beginner (6)
2. Unseemly impression surrounding Church (8)
3. Member of quartet beginning to go and help (6)
4. Called before Queen's soldiers (7)
5. Not one excuse about Great Britain in literature (6)
6. Strapping inadequate, start off wrapping line (8)
11. Reading, for example short quote before end of eulogy (4)
15. Surplus is not not manipulated by the sound of it (8)
16. Focused on screen displaying fellows (4)
18. Patient fee reduced, soldier enters hospital department (8)
19. Hunter, Labrador bounds around Tom in circles (7)
21. Cooperative set adrift after central mix-up (6)
22. Swift characters return in reddened dusk (6)
23. Woods, the most pro? (6)