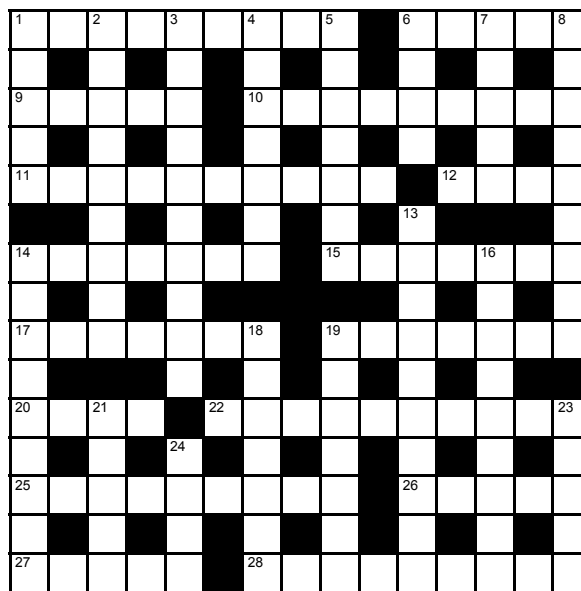


Across

- 1 Communist military operates on drugs and dare (3,6)
- 6 Discipline mass at high school (5)
- 9 Big and thick-skinned, he has no urge to run in quiet over (5)
- 10 Hollied ambush? (3,2,4)
- 11 Bend small-time cartels to make parts for violins (10)
- 12 Healthy food is sent back endlessly, unfortunately (4)
- 14 Check out oke - one oke - intermittently for local delicacy (7)
- 15 They mostly love those similar (3,4)
- 17 Friend? Not sure ... hard left Old Boy starting to obsess (7)
- 19 Rousing speech going into anti-dope PT alkalis (3,4)
- 20 Don't begin to inspect heavens (4)
- 22 *Well done* is in your best health interests (4,3,3)
- 25 Foul airs found in shock test (9)
- 26 I dump final promotions for devices (5)
- 27 Organ plays even before expected moment (5)
- 28 *Rent-A-Mess* creates mess! (5,4)



easy character to start managing (2,3,4)

- 18 Work on huge amount to get marsupial (7)
- 19 Quietly join novice to top experienced rough water sport enthusiast (7)
- 21 Lark comes from right below Peninsular (5)
- 23 Dismay increases with regular gents (5)
- 24 Can carry no loads (4)

Down

- 1 Place to get better degree and woman's ascendance (5)
- 2 This affects bright magician after immersions (3,6)
- 3 Upper-class Pole to yak about Party? This is unusual (10)
- 4 Be playful with shock about upcoming evil (7)
- 5 Deceptive trick produces vehicle with tow-bar at the front (7)
- 6 Hair can be styled - amen! (4)
- 7 Follow to first bar ... (5)
- 8 ... drunkard starting to open Scotch and tip, as it were (2,2,5)
- 13 What you get out of ten trips travelling around (3,7)
- 14 Grant that very old chest contains much that hasn't been opened (9)
- 16 Whatever happens to one, Granny has