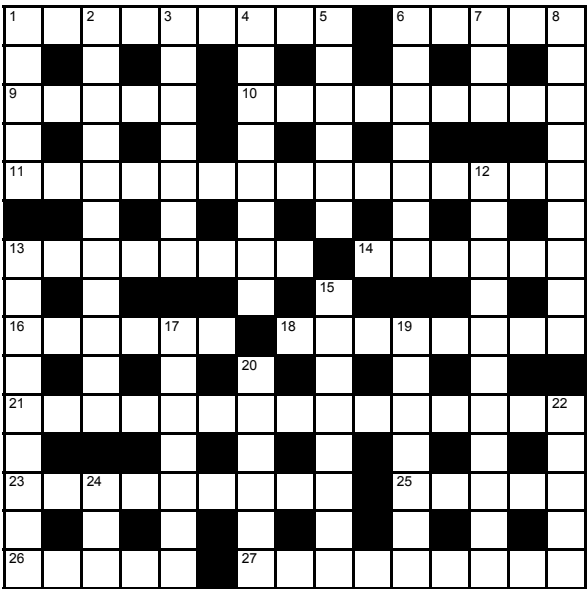


Across

- 1 The ability to feel the Asian banks disappear after sea recedes (9)
- 6 Fill that is covering bum ground (5)
- 9 Porridge from our miserable country (5)
- 10 See me catch a lousy shot that is nasty (9)
- 11 Dispenses port whilst quack covers (9,6)
- 13 Scented flower tips get an award (8)
- 14 Communist leader broadcast what his mate wrote back in the USSR (6)
- 16 Cold monarch grabs a covering (6)
- 18 Potties can help you when stuck (8)
- 21 Sick in a bunker? (5,3,7)
- 23 Adding coolant to alcohol makes it sweet (9)
- 25 Very abbreviated repeat of numbers (5)
- 26 Longs to get rid of New Ages (5)
- 27 Longs to possess property in garden suburb (9)



- 22 Game starts to seriously knock some ousmas (5)
- 24 Question has hard answer only (3)

Down

- 1 A model raised story-teller (5)
- 2 Diverted surging tides and rushed around closing lock (11)
- 3 Man next to woman's fynbos (7)
- 4 Ultimate hopes, sacrifice and goodwill carried by 150yr old school in East London (8)
- 5 State a large request to go with area (6)
- 6 No hue is erupting amongst us (2-5)
- 7 Bar for regulars, bhuti (3)
- 8 Services flat with airs (9)
- 12 Poet brought different angle and new heed initially to Aga (11)
- 13 In reality, loud performance usually loses us (9)
- 15 Eat, chaps - I included food (4,4)
- 17 On edge over sun damage (7)
- 19 Second fan falls apart, insulted at heart, and very unhappy (7)
- 20 Be quiet on edge, quiet little creature (6)