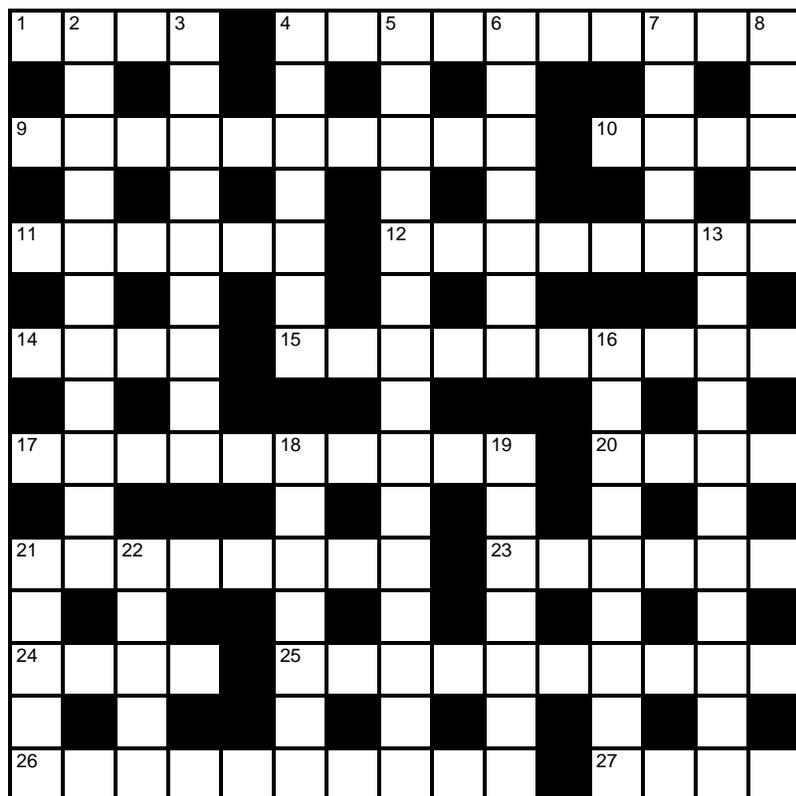


Cryptic Crossword No. 103



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Across

- 1 Impressionist lost his footing and came back old (4)
- 4 Former partner and friend took bird outside (10)
- 9 Quality of certain biscuits is princess' fixation (10)
- 10 Somewhat painful nasal bone (4)
- 11 Adhesive type of mosaic tile surrounding edges of map (6)
- 12 Rejects groups of actors who are honest about their sexuality? (8)
- 14 Previously to do with the church (4)
- 15 Position a load lying NW-SE, perhaps (10)
- 17 Uniting unexpectedly over fake drawing (10)
- 20 Remove sequence (4)
- 21 Little Boy could be a little Thomas, also little Robert getting to grips with little Mark (4,4)
- 23 Increasing drinking, but not initially (6)
- 24 Answer 10 is horizontal, for example (4)
- 25 Messenger is absorbed by game that's fast (10)
- 26 Specially chosen worker got drunk, taking out apprentice (4-6)
- 27 Labour volunteers got stuck outside (4)

Down

- 2 Complex problem got dark in no uncertain terms (7,4)
- 3 Appraised wild retreat (9)
- 4 Removed compound adjective lacking joins and capitals (7)
- 5 She could be lamenting West End show (3,5,2,5)
- 6 Knight got up to have German rice dish (7)
- 7 Moderates left university library with Latin scholar's head (5)
- 8 Melancholy ultimately consumes this poet (5)
- 13 Listen, I seek blasted independent transportation (11)
- 16 Adding gold to test this could give the illusion of 13 (9)
- 18 Starters of glass noodles or chicken with half a helping of chilli dumplings (7)
- 19 Drank first bit of gin then heaved (7)
- 21 Submerged tree is cut by Washington (5)
- 22 This could make you cry about him endlessly, continuously (5)