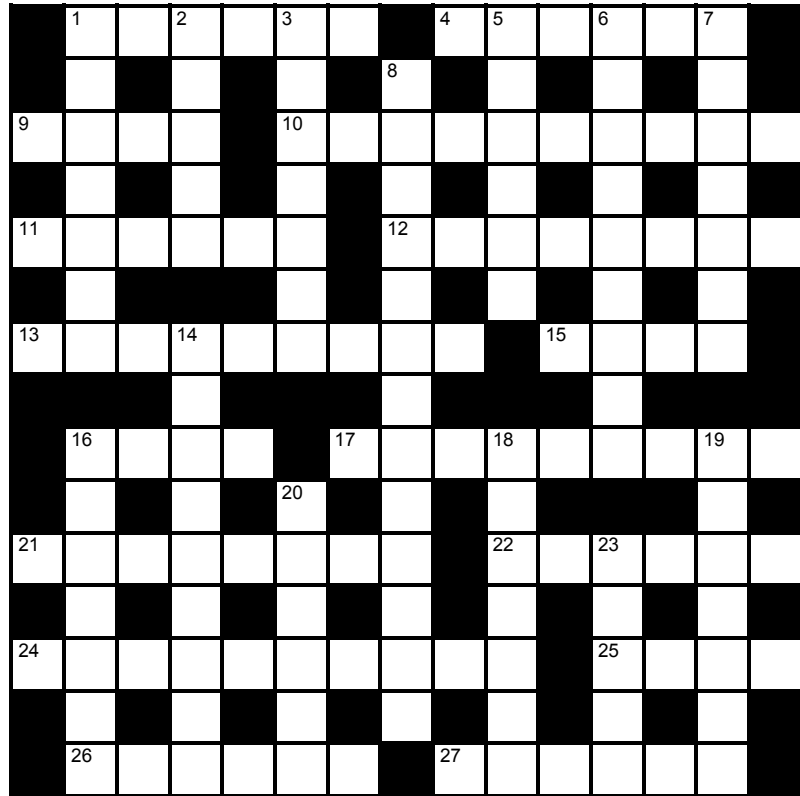


**Across**

- 1 \* Takes part of Bottom at Old Vic (6)
- 4 \* Maybe sweet when produced by 23 (6)
- 9 Tom has nothing to eat but his fur (4)
- 10 \* Pippin's cheek (5,5)
- 11 \* The Sun's on strike (6)
- 12 \* They say I yell (3,5)
- 13 Use your keyboard shift, witty peer (9)
- 15 The taste's coming back - that's a pest (4)
- 16 23 ingredient at the end of 16 (4)
- 17 Like birds dreaded the stuffing (9)
- 21 Better mother possibly (8)
- 22 Replicates 23 instructions loosely leaving out salt (6)
- 24 I'm told chose friends bearing wine , then Christmas starts (10)
- 25 23 put 27 in here (4)
- 26 Mistake by worker in search of adventure (6)
- 27 23 assort devilled 23 (6)



**Down**

- 1 ,23 ,8 Ok, so police shoot brat - no myth (3,4)
- 2 \* First-mate adjusted the zip. Oh that takes the biscuit. (5)
- 3 Loaf here getting nice and brown (7)
- 5 Returning clientele mostly have this US dish (6)
- 6 Raise the 23 heat source (anagram?) (9)
- 7 Curse terrible pain in the neck but not pinkie (7)
- 8 see 1 down (5,3,5)
- 14 Get a grebe recipe used to make 5 (3-6)
- 16 I hear it's the finish of 10 to get old banger (7)
- 18 Seeks comfort from tournaments ,wildly name dropping (5,2)
- 19 Seems P.R. type created leader (7)
- 20 Some toil cannily to make things go smoothly
- 23 see 1 down (5)