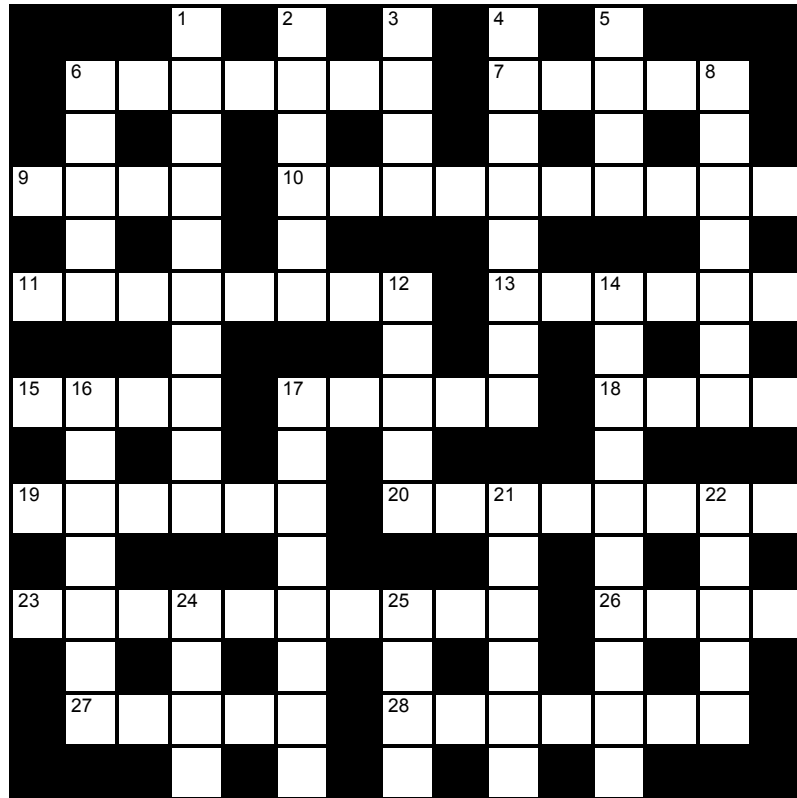


To a Wonderful Wife and Mother with love from Brian and Ruairi



Across

- 6 Spice bland food and knock back a cocktail (7)
- 7 Girl preparing eclair without recipe (5)
- 9 Man found with naked Frenchwoman (4)
- 10 Old gentleman initially practised with soprano in hotel (4,6)
- 11 Observes strange 24 blights (8)
- 13 Mischievous queen's markswoman (6)
- 15 Rescue unpaid worker lacking latitude (4)
- 17 Sulked about teenage transport (5)
- 18 Welcome alien dressed in iron (4)
- 19 Stags and bucks maybe live a time aboard ship (6)
- 20 Dish encountered around the French table initially has place in Phoebe's heart (8)
- 23 Sweetheart's vessel gets to star writer (10)
- 26 Keep journal of move back after Bull's evacuated (4)
- 27 Follow endless survey by Echo (5)
- 28 Town where law's manipulated by everyone (7)

Down

- 1 Notice teachers like M. Karla and Smiley perhaps (10)
- 2 Drink German drink (6)
- 3 Daughter irritated by a thousand (4)
- 4 Vuvuzela's fringe number gets conductor to the forefront (8)
- 5 Iodine injected into young sheep missing a leg (4)
- 6 Daughter has date in recompense for hissy fit (5)
- 8 Gutless extremist engulfs the French soldiers in fire maybe (7)
- 12 Bishop, ditching Borchester leader, disturbed young relation (5)
- 14 Caught out out with drug Debbie regularly gets a new stimulant source (6,4)
- 16 Name tossed around by one that's found in meadow (7)
- 17 Alters service taking a long time (8)
- 21 Celebrates as half of Loxley set in a whirl (6)
- 22 Turkey Nolly peeled for fish (5)
- 24 From the start Ruairi often said engaging and fragrant things (4)
- 25 Radio warning covering mid-western state (4)