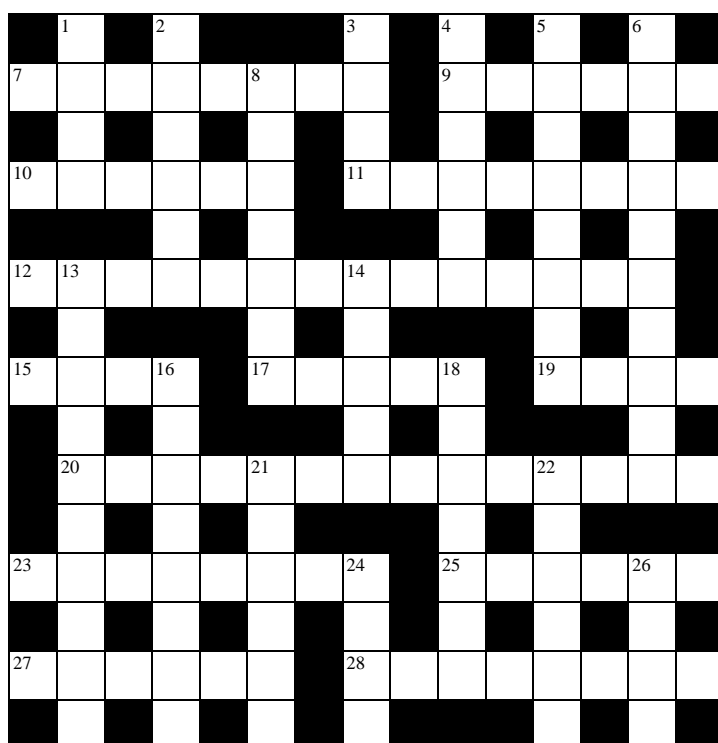


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ACROSS

7. Spring and almost time to retire? Almost (4-4)
9. Shakespeare's comic heroine is raging briefly in the midst of hoax (6)
10. Quiet edge, quiet seafood (6)
11. Terribly proud guards have heavy fall (8)
12. Doctor to hardliner now dreaming (2,7,5)
15. Go away and sing some jazz (4)
17. Small and friendly bees (5)
19. Rest of newspaper, oddly skipped back (4)
20. A vote on the directors generally (6-3-5)
23. GB's eggy bait decomposed (8)
25. Cryptic clue, 1D: father of geometry (6)
27. Gentle spirit coming over in mountain (6)
28. Slowing down of religious service by one who is eccentric and old (8)

DOWN

1. One of the first people named in Somerset House? (4)
2. No bail out for West Bromwich? (6)
3. Conservative conned the country (4)
4. Meeting captive, I'm impressed (6)
5. Fail to welcome foreign press and go off in different directions (8)
6. Cooked squid, I lie right by kitchen gadget (10)
8. Innards of limpet used for energy? (7)
13. Fruits' dreadful transience (10)
14. Promote latex pants (5)
16. Reptile burying head of prey in the ground (8)
18. Gather round Loach film, most likely to inherit the earth? (7)
21. Adage always covered in grass (6)
22. Of songbirds frolicking, so nice (6)
24. Fawn found in English vineyard (4)
26. Not much I love, I appreciate that (4)