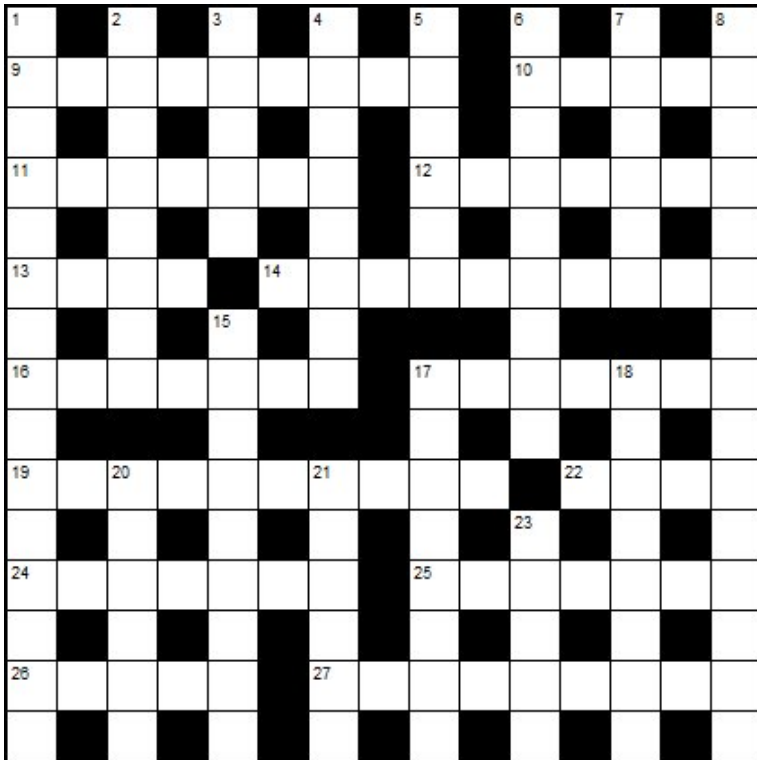


Puzzle by Clyde

After many years of being an enthusiastic solver, Clyde decided to turn his hand to setting, an activity he sees as retirement pre-planning. It's as good a hobby as any, especially when one is able to produce entertaining and well-clued puzzles like this one. There is a lot of fun to be had here; I particularly like the neatness of 5 down and the amusing surface of 17 across.



ACROSS

- 9 Use of repeated sounds initially; not everyone gets repetition (9)
- 10 Father's thanks for food (5)
- 11 Part of room needs waterproofing reportedly (7)
- 12 Try endlessly to help find work (7)
- 13,23 When e-mail gets distributed simultaneously (9)
- 14 Asian space could be transformed into a large expanse of water (7,3)
- 16 Standard way to get angry (7)
- 17 Tree hugging American model who manages money of others (7)
- 19 Somehow enabling it to become untouchable (10)
- 22,26 Foretold of drink getting finished (9)
- 24 Welshman keeps Irish broadcaster notified (7)
- 25 Learned fellow arranged chorals (7)
- 26 See 22
- 27 Wallpaper delivered by a horse and left with unknown voluntary organisation in school (9)

DOWN

- 1 Travelled around with surprisingly crude TV magician (15)
- 2 Fine lace tied in a knot (8)
- 3 Coloured cloth is found in equipment sailor brought back (5)
- 4 Charge is modified for duke, perhaps (3,5)
- 5 One's on foot, marching (6)
- 6 Appropriate to keep elite soldier with us to provide equipment (9)
- 7 Tries to produce written pieces of work (6)
- 8 Retrial in Panama could expose MP (15)
- 15 Significance of eating mud clarified (9)
- 17 Seafarer carries a pound to acquire lucky charm (8)
- 18 Novelist employs recurrent theme about headless doll (8)
- 20 Stylish attempt to conceal conclusion (6)
- 21 Latest article about princess from Madras, perhaps (6)

