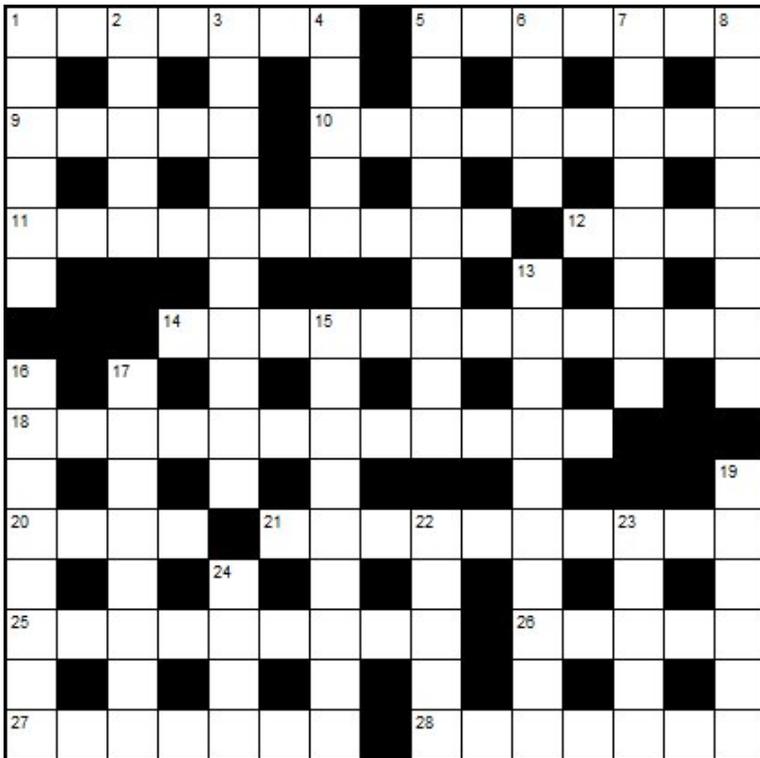


Puzzle 3 by Windsurfer

Windsurfer's third puzzle is a very enjoyable challenge with a ghost theme. My favourite clue is 10 across.



ACROSS

- 1 Oxygen left out of formulaic mixture to make a type of acid (7)
- 5 One's friend comes before expensive houses (7)
- 9 Green metal – the cause of stomach upset (1,4)
- 10 Greater number arrived to entertain leader of Bridlington Town? (9)
- 11 The dessert that makes you smile? (10)
- 12 Doctor fine with company at first (4)
- 14 See 4 Down
- 18 Unprofessionally shut early, aim to go off (12)
- 20 North Scottish island shunning its first invalid (4)
- 21 Willing departure from continent after the UN initially accepts disorder (10)
- 25 When the wine is new, prepare inside in French old city (2,7)
- 26 Dispute attitude Murray displays (5)
- 27 Moccasin perhaps is useless present (7)
- 28 Jewish comedian Campbell is really funny ditching protocol at last (7)

DOWN

- 1 Window dressing types? (6)
- 2 Bobby and George further concealing love (5)
- 3 Recalled a German way that blocks score draws primarily (10)
- 4,14 Rich persons' impact potentially – they give amusement to others (5,12)
- 5 Soldier and poet in conversation identify birds (9)
- 6 Not the first skilful defeat (4)
- 7 State help given to old boy with computer after retiring (8)
- 8 Bottoms up! Female tries pint finally, it's most stylish (8)
- 13 Feverish sad spaniel I ignored receives drug and walks (10)
- 15 Unstable type of car, nearly universal and fast (9)
- 16 Abrasive workers collect posh associate of 1d (8)
- 17 Splint for one individual half-cut after visit (8)
- 19 One of victor's trophies found in bay (6)
- 22 Prince initially deputised for royal writer (5)

23 Dance leaders of swish and modern ballroom act (5)

24 Informed broadcast of questions (4)