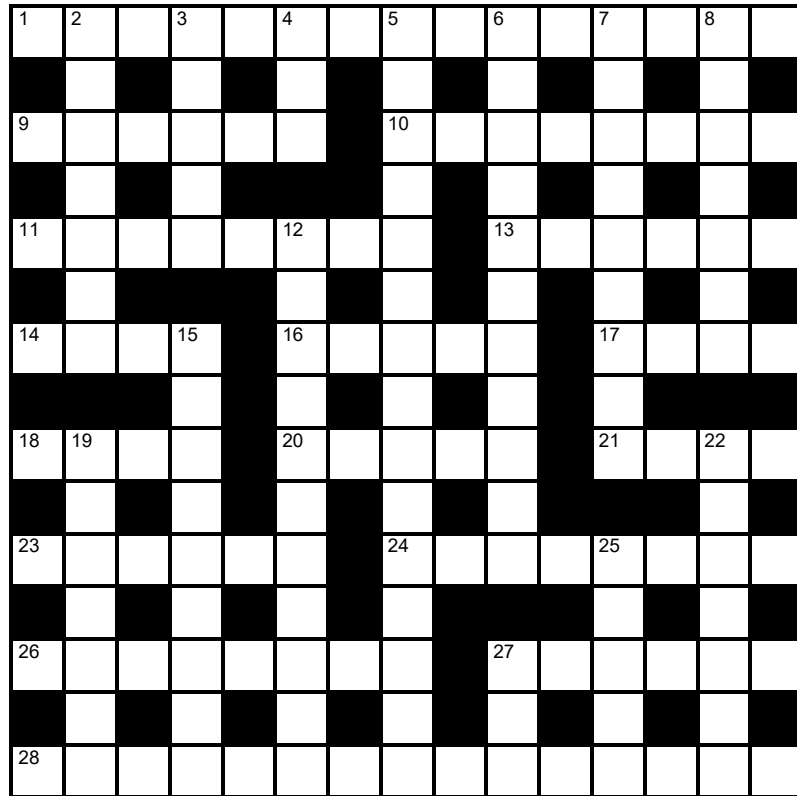


Guest Puzzle 1 by Skirwingle



Across

- 1 Everyone's different – How do Maynards Bassetts turn a profit? (2,5,3,5)
- 9 Where to find pilot? Yes, Russian one in space station (6)
- 10 French one beginning to dry tangled layer that's backing mat (8)
- 11 Unbelievable statement from Cockney cartoon character – detailed estimate to start with (5,3)
- 13 French pupil's new time for morning snacks (6)
- 14 Notice part of your ear (4)
- 16 That person (female) is carrying a bundle (5)
- 17 Competed to put 'Ellen's onset' into 6 down (4)
- 18 Small vessel for fish from America (4)
- 20 I rent unusual place in the ground (5)
- 21 Box got from supermarket (4)
- 23 Stewpot's got one from Ultravox in number 10 (6)
- 24 Ute customised with nitro's losing speed (8)
- 26 Doctor to peer at Candide, perhaps (8)
- 27 Southern church is heading for major division (6)
- 28 Plate of fizzy sweets perhaps for those whose skills are rusty? (9,6)
- 7 Confused EU solvers (us) resolve to untangle this (9)
- 8 Bring in unknown to repeat crazy circus act (7)
- 12 Tacky items stuck up around the office (4-2,5)
- 15 Who serves drinks and ghastrly crab puree? (9)
- 19 Collapse of Conservative arse when lead's cut by 50% (7)
- 22 Dire Straits? (8)
- 25 Statesman brought up by Arthur Hendrix (5)
- 27 Switch alternate parts thus (3)

Down

- 2 See things high up tor – it may be crumbling (4,3)
- 3 Find a defender by surprise (5)
- 4 Fine art's embracing listener (3)
- 5 Something on the pier perhaps playing REM etc., ad nauseam (9,6)
- 6 Chivalric comment about toilet cleaning schedule? (6,5)