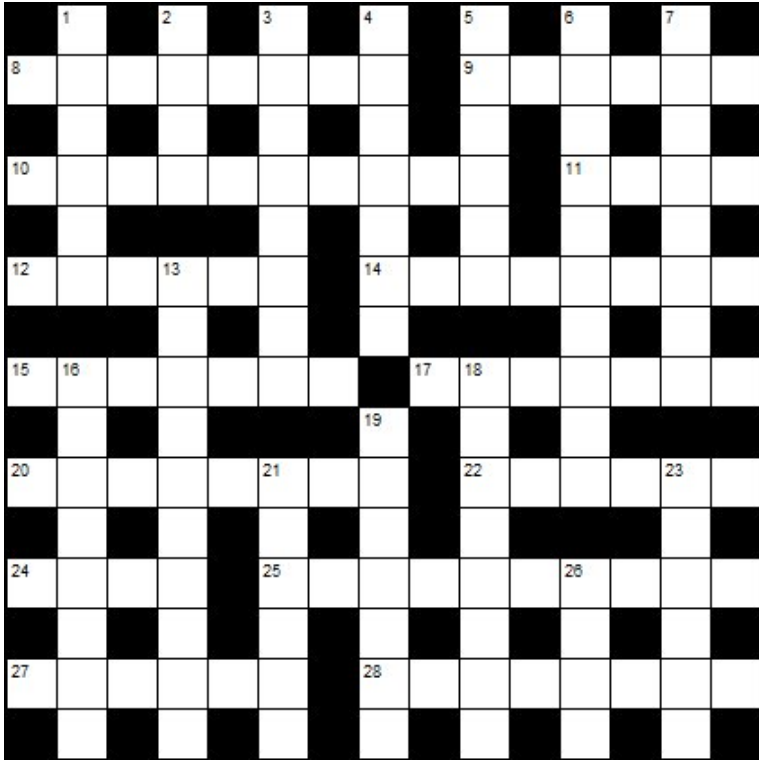


# Puzzle by Bear

Bear is a long-term solver who has decided to try his hand at setting. It was a good decision as the result is a very entertaining puzzle. I particularly liked the conciseness of 6 down.



## ACROSS

- 8 Delay site demolition in disgust (8)
- 9 Nut returns – that’s a relief, kinsman! (6)
- 10 Youthful team that gets minority vote (5,5)
- 11 Spoil a register (4)
- 12 Last month awful turmoil not right (6)
- 14 Fish heads off easily round yucca plant (8)
- 15 After work, I consumed sulphur drugs (7)
- 17 Inferior bash to half cook? (7)
- 20 Ritual freak love held back suddenly (8)
- 22 North – a Nazi elite’s gold capital (6)
- 24 Rwanda farmers nearly embrace trade union (4)
- 25 Goose jog or fun run across the pond? (6,4)
- 27 Mineral extracted from coastal Cumbria (6)
- 28 Italian biscuits – a treat I’m preparing (8)

## DOWN

- 1 Explosive starts of tractor engine terrified rowdy youths luckily (6)
- 2 Greeting very English colony (4)
- 3 Hear open mobile headset (8)
- 4 Carry headless trout, perhaps expecting a fall (7)
- 5 Central genes holding last unknown male protein (6)
- 6 Dry without energy? (10)
- 7 Coarse book endured without end (8)
- 13 Prepared quince a day causing dearth (10)
- 16 Precise formulas without variety spring flowers (8)
- 18 He, for example, soon without a spirit, so it’s said (8)
- 19 Unsatisfactory act that Earl Grey improved (4,3)
- 21 Former Maidu village (USA) Tom damaged (6)
- 23 Arrests sailors taking a bit (6)
- 26 Dawn’s mum the first (4)