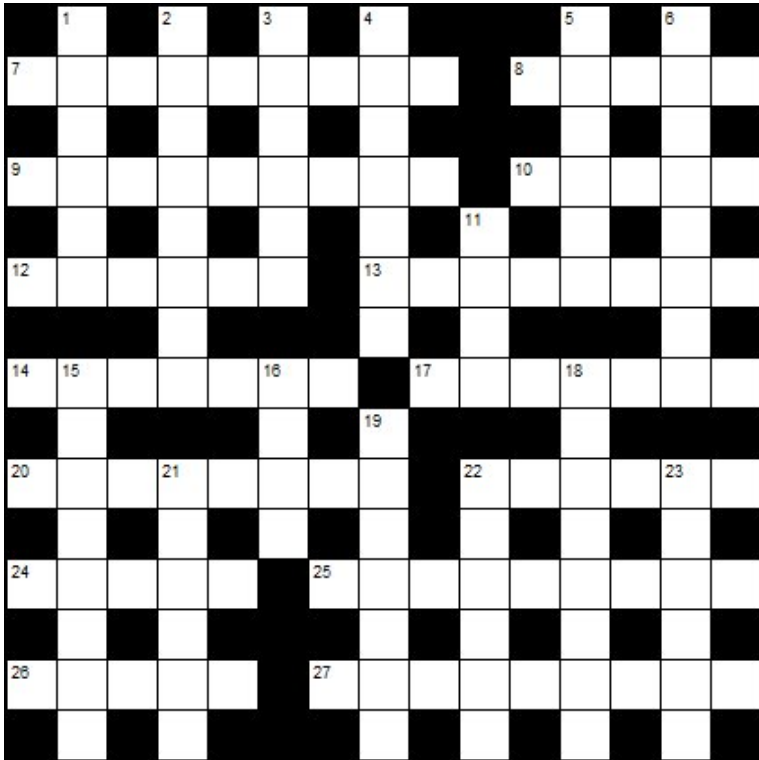


# Puzzle 2 by Euston

This is an excellent second offering from Euston. Its smooth surfaces throughout and a variety of clever clueing techniques should delight all solvers. I particularly liked 12 across for its originality and above all, 22 across.



## ACROSS

- 7 Dismissed if detailed CV's the least bit inaccurate (6,3)
- 8 Least disposed to take things badly? (5)
- 9 Wicked, ace, in the groove (9)
- 10 Spoils youngster cut by broken toy (5)
- 12 Pretty funny stuff – Linford cracked up! (6)
- 13 Topless show's initially offering light erotica, inside it's brutal (8)
- 14 Run out of clothes, getting by in the end with patches (7)
- 17 Hide broken heart on the wings of love (7)
- 20 One who writes "That's amazing!" about awful poems (8)
- 22 Entertainer who has difficulty handling the press? (6)
- 24 Babies like us singing about cuddles (5)
- 25 In a deviant, the rage either dissipates or it gives an edge (9)
- 26 Go first class (5)
- 27 Party girl's a graceful dancer (9)

## DOWN

- 1 Get by force and ultimately, love (4,2)
- 2 Alternatively, give rage? (8)
- 3 Turn guest house into hovel, and squat (6)
- 4 Sneaky thieves he's released stole material earlier (7)
- 5 Pet ducks went under to peck people's feet (6)
- 6 Patchwork cap is the nuts! (8)
- 11 Fellow Olympic champion's boxing victory (4)
- 15 Fashion store runs without American Apparel (8)
- 16 X? Were it so, I could have defined pecs! (4)
- 18 Medicine can heal, if it's taken in time (8)
- 19 Originally, generators replaced alternating with twin phased (7)
- 21 Drink without a hangover for 15, perhaps? (6)

**22** Pin dress pleats (6)

**23** It's essential to train daughter out of needing to get hammered (6)