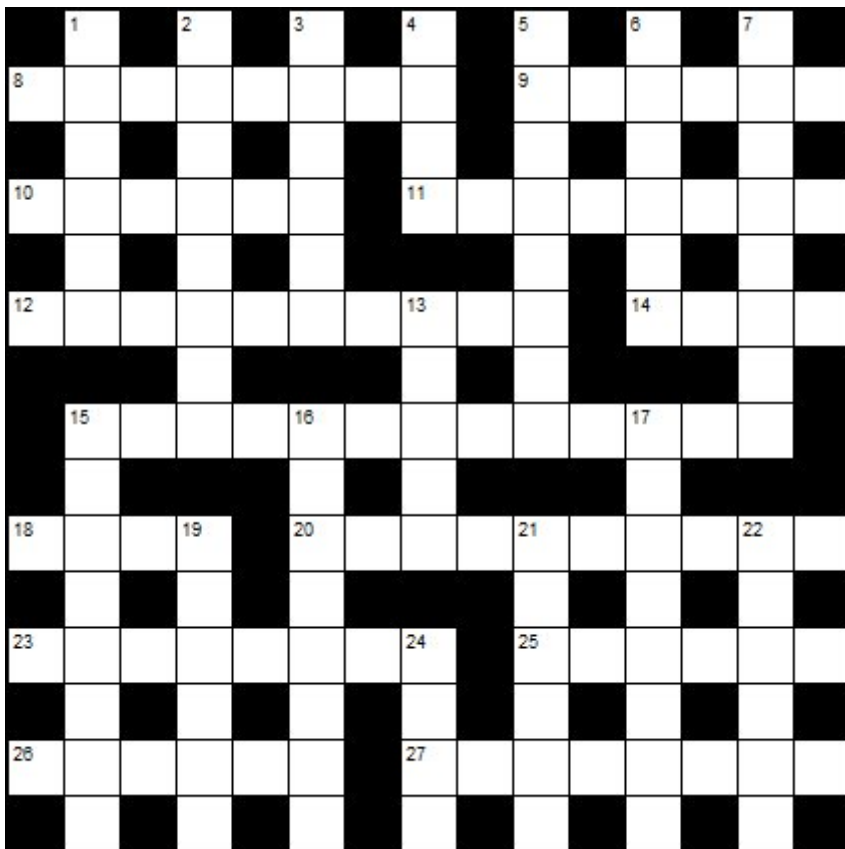


# Puzzle 2 by Maize

Maize easily lives up to the standards he set with his previous offerings. This is an excellent piece of work, my favourite clues being 10 across and 6 down. Enjoy!



## ACROSS

- 8 Deadline for this type of contract (4,4)
- 9 Put back locks after case of paranoia for one in solitary? (6)
- 10 Every Fourth of July Hawaiians ask to become American (6)
- 11 Virtuoso performance beginning again in style (8)
- 12 Cut off gas power to stove and start to introduce a fear of the unknown (10)
- 14 First to finish in holy war then first to depart for pilgrimage (4)
- 15 Two books - old and new - by South London writer (6,7)
- 18 Architect's bridge sequence that's revolutionary but right for the south (4)
- 20 Melancholy start to short hike interrupted by a babbling stream? (4,6)
- 23 Italian city gripped by liver cell infection (8)
- 25 Hit film is dated? (2,4)
- 26 Flying low through showground on Eurofighter (6)
- 27 American chemistry's 13 graduates, one moving slightly west to University of Michigan (8)

## DOWN

- 1 After starter, queen dined and put fork into garden? (6)
- 2 It might be boring in the library (8)
- 3 Sleigh puller Rudolph's extremity draws nigh (6)
- 4 Fall down dead with apt message (4)
- 5 Words in book introducing complicated pie chart (8)

- 6** In which bras come off the shoulders? (6)
- 7** Started to catch Australian opener in between left of gully and backward point (6,2)
- 13** Little & Large cut short Japan tour in the middle (5)
- 15** Estrange special police officer (8)
- 16** Space on metamorphic marble for Anubis, for example (8)
- 17** Lagers drunk with ten concubines in Muslim palace (8)
- 19** Boy raised eating a companion's cheesy chips (6)
- 21** Problem with drink, as judge epitomises? (4,2)
- 22** Endless arguing could result in production of weapon (6)
- 24** North of country goes to question becoming separate nation (4)