

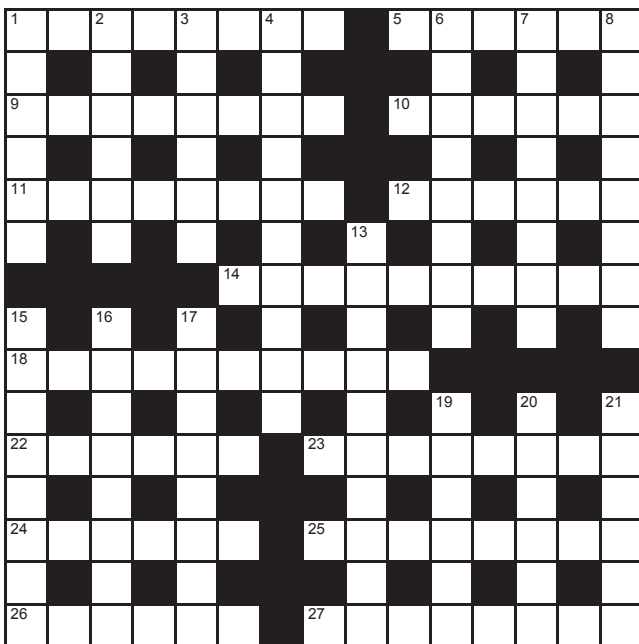
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- 1 As may be a dres? (8)
- 5 Decent chance drunkard has returned with drink (4-2)
- 9 Finally politician moved apace, and came to the point (8)
- 10 Ten in group, film four fewer? (6)
- 11 Clothes German designed way back (8)
- 12 Ignore young setter perhaps inhaling dope (4,2)
- 14 Leave drive (3-2-3-2)
- 18 In leather gal gyrates (3,3,4)
- 22 Party great for talk (6)
- 23 Fuss kicked up by relative, uncle initially laughing (8)
- 24 First mate biting lip (6)
- 25 Wave abates, go for wreck (8)
- 26 Deny worried by information on reflection (6)
- 27 Smart clothes provided on third of July – very hot (8)

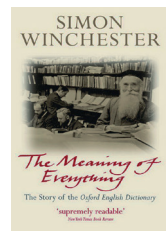
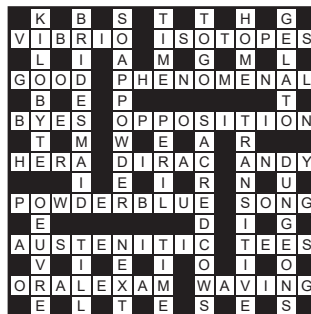
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- 1 Charitable nation welcoming Ghanian leader (6)
- 2 Copper, unusual poison (6)
- 3 Lovely eye (6)
- 4 Precious weather set to change (10)
- 6 A part he built under head of organisation that's designed to collapse (5,3)
- 7 Earmark tourist destination in which trouble kicking off (3,5)
- 8 Fix building work? (3-2,3)
- 13 Vessel near tug at sea, destructive force (10)
- 15 Pot: range holds one filled with last of tofu (8)
- 16 Arrangement best for floorboards (8)
- 17 Hard to enter provincial game (8)
- 19 Smoke rings to do later (3,3)
- 20 Meat product animal, a sausage's bagged up (6)
- 21 Crook offered goods (3,3)



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