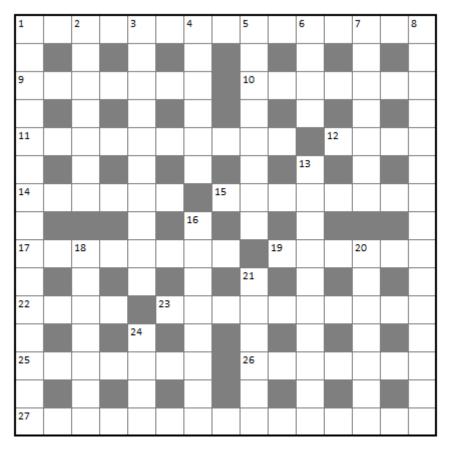
## Crossword by Alan No. 4



## **ACROSS**

- 1 Notorious role for Hitchcock turned up: pensioner introducing arcane PE exercise (5,10)
- 9 Snack bar finally found by a European river flowing westwards ... (7)
- 10 ... and swirling around a French official in Rome(7)
- 11 I teed off with a card scrubbed out (10)
- 12 Backchat about hotel bed (4)
- 14 Some air trapped in a fibre at home (6)
- **15** Poet's curious neighbour at first retreats behind No. 10 (8)
- 17 Long gun square but sawn-off and remodelled (8)
- **19** Bed behind rear seat (6)
- 22 Bird starts to glide away on landing (4)
- 23 She tests brilliance of whites, perhaps, and writes neat review (4,6)
- **25** Top-rated fool, for example, in front throwing weapon (7)
- 26 Love seeing pants outside smart! (7)
- **27** Play, play 20 rounds with us (5,10)

## **DOWN**

- 1 Tourist attraction in Dorset resort Caribbean agents ... (5,5,5)
- 2 ... deface in front of barrier in Kent resort (7)
- **3** Forgotten French test put back to front in basement cells (10)
- 4 Collier's pleased at first to confront 'ired killer (6)
- 5 Great lengths once measured primarily in line charts (8)
- 6 Check captured Queen's rule? (4)
- 7 You aim to get three in a row and are expected to be embraced by partners (7)
- **8** Georgian novel about cooked ginger and winding treks in developing regions (8,7)
- **13** Absence of old French actor/director, apparently, in unknown writer's commentary (10)
- 16 Greek character with idiot setter on arm (8)
- 18 Question first appearance of hut (7)
- **20** Small bird perched on a lovely tailless mammoth (7)
- 21 Sounds like bloke's hot discharge (6)
- 24 Unevenly engages clutch (4)