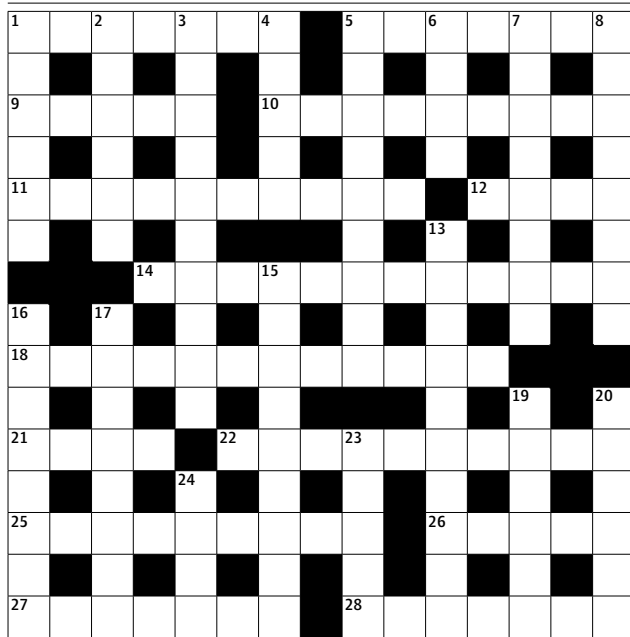


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Across

- 1 Theme of one book ignored by cheap BBC production (3,4)
- 5 Where death was from fast food? No hesitation there (7)
- 9 Teacher training via the internet during March? (5)
- 10 See 19
- 11 Those making arrangements of rare songs, I suspect (10)
- 12 Final passage of concerto lacking content father cut (4)
- 14 A flashy black market hawker not against thinking of lofty aims and hopes (12)
- 18 Well-known piece of T.S. Eliot play about breakfast food (12)
- 21 Work that is written for a collector of nursery rhymes (4)
- 22 Popped along to the pub with single English speaker (10)
- 25 Works with wrong fellow, working with one adult son (9)
- 26 Territorial Army's warning device (5)
- 27 Cook sea fish (4-3)
- 28 Type of school that's arranged 9 mid-term (7)

Down

- 1 18's key gets car to start – about to leave the Isle of Mahon (1,5)
- 2 Officer standard (6)
- 3 Very surprised concerning name taken by one setter (10)

- 4 Composer's avoiding Liberal party givers (5)
- 5 Drug in the brain produced sleep over a long period (9)
- 6 Work for church and state, briefly (4)
- 7 Horny beasts implying trouble afoot for third-level students? (8)
- 8 Good to note Yankee embracing Irishman in cheerful, friendly manner (8)
- 13 Auntie's former boss rebuilt chapel in 20 (10)
- 15 Great inventiveness, fashionable, good menu – pity no starters! (9)
- 16 Backed by electronic piano got hold of by drunk (8)
- 17 Brad looked just a little upset during one marriage (8)
- 19,10 Father uses one to get into can before wine is added into baked beans (6,9)
- 20 City of former republic in Italy, with millions into sport (6)
- 23 Catalogues composer's broadcast (5)
- 24 Remove dead composer right away (4)

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