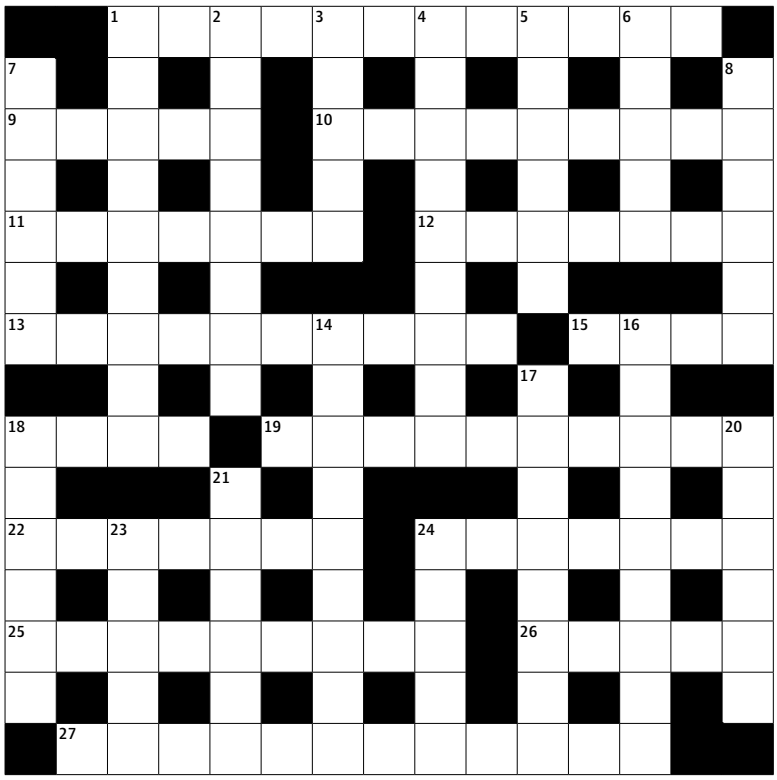
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Across

1/13 Making half-hearted effort like 'Doctor' McKeith (5,7,3,7)
9 My relative put money across counter? On the contrary (5)
10 Terriers at peak fitness on manoeuvres - leader succeeded (9)
11 Wind up here? No, grounds extensive but there's no women (3,4)
12 At last! Nigel got found out (7)
13 See 1
15 Shut up shop (4)
18 Crown Prince following American has-been (4)
19 Was sacked after fake election? Flipping rubbish! (10)
22/27 Accommodating mates on the dole? (7,4,8)
24 7 possibly green? It's unlikely (7)
25 Glider op deployed energy beam (9)
26 Passed with top marks Trump originally claimed ... or pretended (5)
27 See 22

Down

1 Imagined Queen always protected by a lot of money (9)
2 Can current politician overturn polite refusal (8)
3 Clearing youngster in case of genocide (5)
4 Unlucky Romeo's conned over minor punishment (4,5)
5 Study endlessly to get through exam - not a nice experience (6)
6 'Wind essentially' - diagnosis from old doctor (5)
7 One spotted by chance turning green (6)
8 Exhausted duke finally in American party (4,2)
14 Trouble in store broadcasting inside China (9)
16 One able to run with leaders of government and security forces (9)
17 Meat! Gone to stuff myself (8)
18 Offer not a sausage over, getting cross (6)
20 Take off perch breaking foot (6)
21 Catch fellows and female cycling separately (6)
23 Threatened beastly islander during third night back (5)
24 French river understood to have drowned Resistance (5)

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