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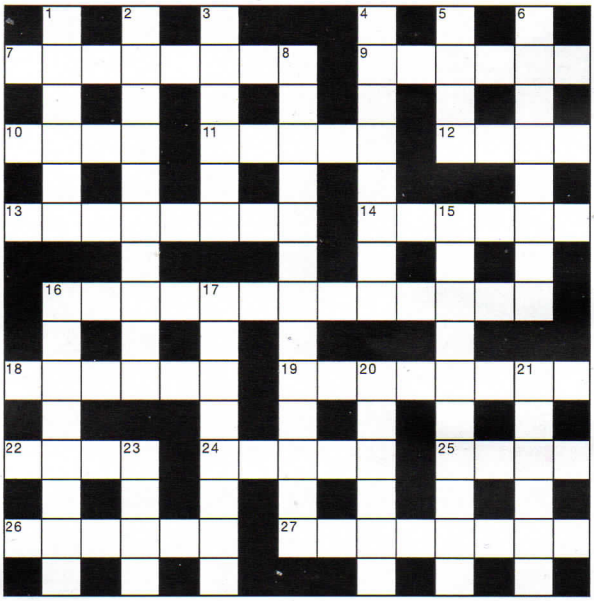

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ACROSS

7 Mrs Sterling, who was married to Oliver in **15 down** (8)
9 Eddie or Clarrie in **15 down** (6)
10 African country (4)
11 Clan or group emblem (5)
12 Dan's son (first name) in **15 down** (4)
13 Fictional village in which **15 down** is set (8)
14 Kind of acid (6)
16 Large inland sea which is between South Europe and North Africa (13)
18 Tartan found at Plymouth's football club (6)
19 Very many, abundant (8)
22 Henry VIII's last wife (surname) (4)
24 Character (first name) played by Judy Bennett in **15 down** (5)
25 Outer covering of a grain or seed (4)
26 Person who fights with a sword (6)
27 Shop in which goods are displayed for sale (8)

DOWN

1 Measurement of six feet when referring to the depth of water (6)
2 Two days before Easter Sunday (4,6)
3 Talented (6)
4 Obsessive love for oneself (8)
5 British rock band fronted by Jarvis Cocker (4)
6 Extra, supplement (8)
8 People who set up businesses (13)
15 British radio soap opera broadcast since 1951 (3,7)
16 Princess who appeared on **15 down** (8)
17 Prize, value (8)
20 Field (6)
21 Outcome, result (6)
23 Anneka, who appeared in **15 down** in 1993 and 2016 (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 1,735

	1G	2B	3F			4F	5P	6C						
7R	E	P	A	I	R	E	D	8	9A	P	O	L	L	O
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