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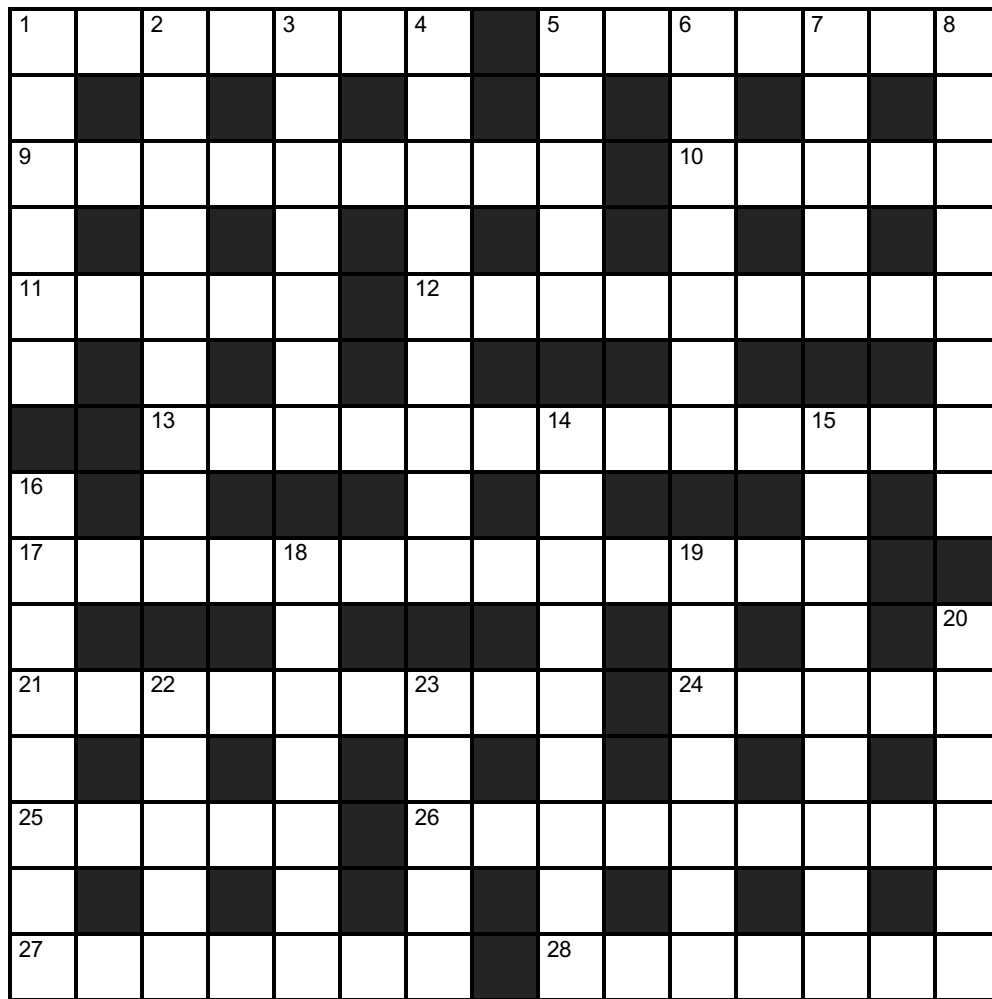
THE CHELTENHAM LITERATURE FESTIVAL
SUNDAY OCTOBER 11TH 2009

Grand Final

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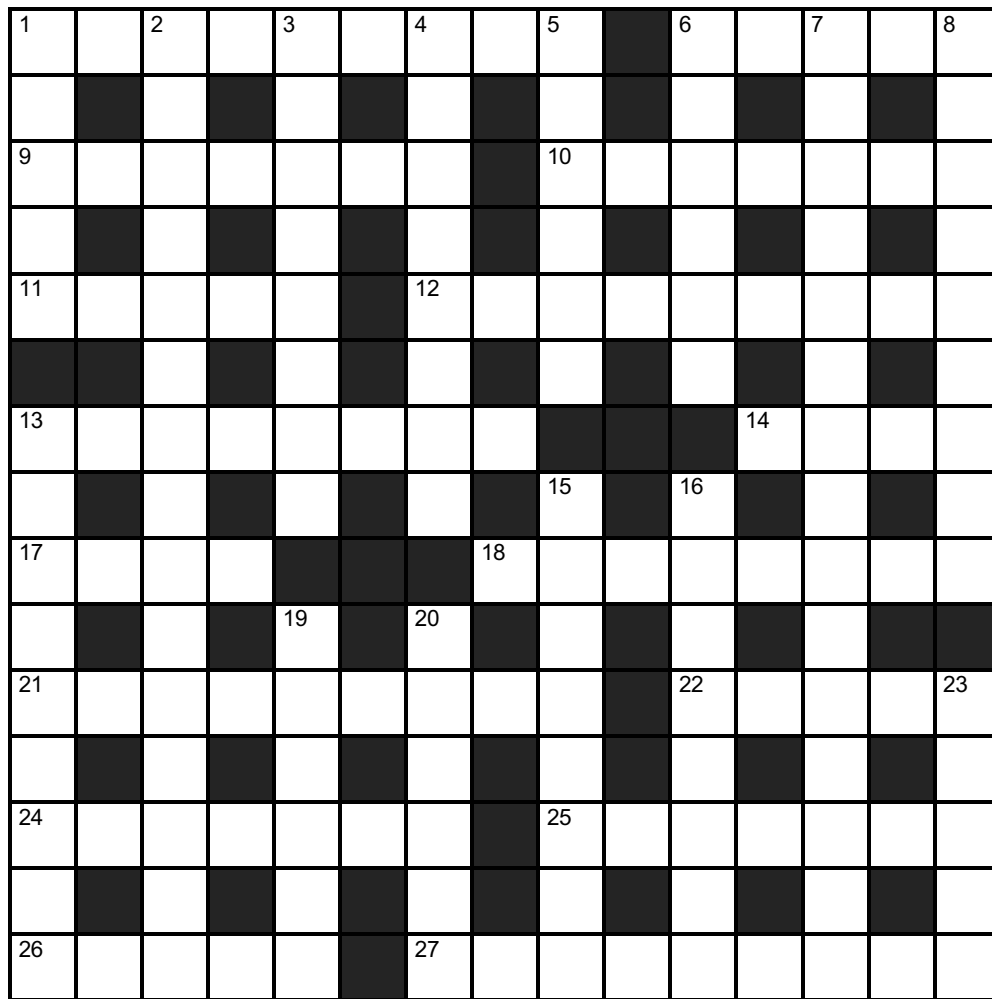
- 1 Fall for visitor (7)
- 5 Business with element of rock and roll ultimately ridiculous (7)
- 9 Let rip and boo terribly inferior work (9)
- 10 Lament loss of second container (5)
- 11 Parasite regularly depleted blood, unseen (5)
- 12 Suddenly almost splitting open (9)
- 13 Is sanction one to disrupt present objective? (13)
- 17 Baron perhaps broke apart from bishop and king in country with agenda? (13)
- 21 Opt for refined fuel, on reflection, in range of investments (9)
- 24 Following drink with consumption of second is wrong (5)
- 25 Wearing, undesirable experience (5)
- 26 Raced around field, catching horse in lead (9)
- 27 Rule that is not just unknown in radio (7)
- 28 Neutral annoyed to be involved (7)

- 1 Raise pressure to cut tricky stock (6)
- 2 Inaccurate and used to being knocked for six (9)
- 3 Paradise, first off, inhabited by a certain female with pride? (7)
- 4 Feel elated, having small part in play broadcast (4,2,3)
- 5 Caution required to guard against cut (5)
- 6 People having paid nothing about to get reminder (7)
- 7 Unspecified number in haul, caught earlier, stuck (5)
- 8 Stage of journey covering north before next stretch (8)
- 14 Drama that goes on to increase with church leader's intervention over article (4,5)
- 15 Major route blocked by hostile troops (9)
- 16 Locate work and hurry up with suggestion, not hard (8)
- 18 Flavouring initially somewhat slight, lacking finish (7)
- 19 Hellish area? Gather far from it (7)
- 20 Hawk in ascent from field depicted (6)
- 22 Competitor right at top of tree (5)
- 23 Strong heart of populist rising above filthy place (5)

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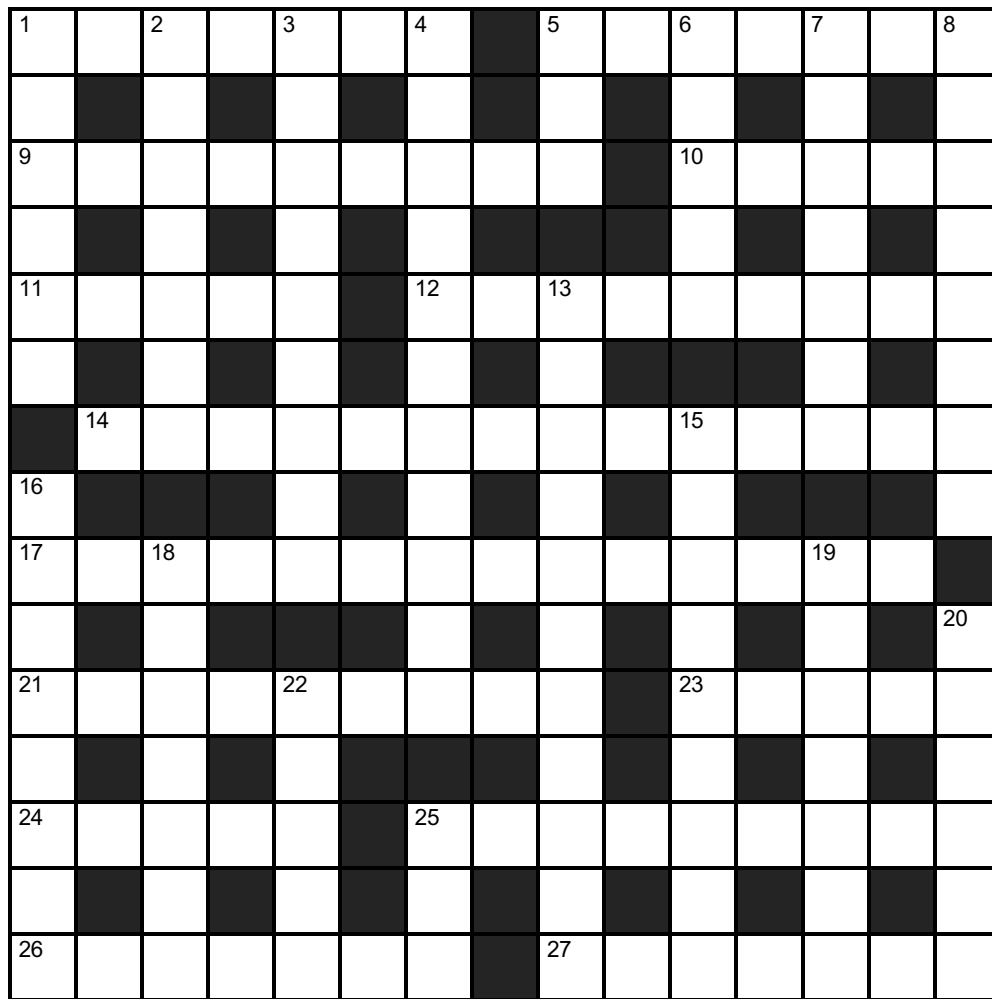
- 1 Gas mark is reset for peckish errand boy? (9)
- 6 Finally sails boat via Calf of Man (5)
- 9 Man carries round fish for the bulk of the population (7)
- 10 Not at ease with small hugs (7)
- 11 Fluff from last of wool leaving unsightly mark (5)
- 12 Bats flying as standard here (2,3,4)
- 13 Island where sea is warm and air is fresh (8)
- 14 Composer's Mass, largely obscure, that could be hit (4)
- 17 Chauffeur to be flash, possessing one? (4)
- 18 Garment in which to clear quarterdeck (8)
- 21 Pack of fish appropriate burden for student? (9)
- 22 House accommodating parties and raves about to get a mention (5)
- 24 Town that's deserted on a Thursday (7)
- 25 Busy training: time flies (7)
- 26 Finished grand fitting round bend in pipe (5)
- 27 State angel's regularly in perhaps perfect ecstasy (9)

- 1 Odd bits of boat break going round spit (5)
- 2 This photo of her married is grotesque, to be frank (5,4,3,3)
- 3 Leggy creature with a bust seen outside church before noon (8)
- 4 Puritan's unnatural influence on old empress (8)
- 5 Change some ingredients to get a tummy upset (6)
- 6 Activity centre commandeered by Sister for Quaker movement (6)
- 7 Trainee pilots miss home, perhaps like hand-to-hand fighting (2,5,8)
- 8 Something done up in bags? Import's one that's boxed (9)
- 13 Pitch area, not so short, encircled by track (5,4)
- 15 Daughter stopping profit from firearms becomes poetic hero (5,3)
- 16 Ideal arrangement, except in retirement (5-3)
- 19 What violinist gets when preparing to leave stage (3,3)
- 20 Sailor on plane circling about base (6)
- 23 Humble English cod is superior! (5)

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- 1 Does "cheer" mean this? (7)
- 5 Burn bridges in part of grand Scottish city (7)
- 9 Bugs in Vista when installing game software (9)
- 10 Remove starter of old seafood (5)
- 11 Neighbour of Iraq is finally open to the West (5)
- 12 Ball lifted accurately in golf — ideal shot (5,4)
- 14 Bomber making you keep up? (6,8)
- 17 One trying issue of Paris Match? (6,8)
- 21 To increase nursing one that does extra duty (9)
- 23 Several wives are preferred to one for him (5)
- 24 Flag day's opening turned bad (5)
- 25 The volume one chooses for listening? (5,4)
- 26 Field dressing put to cut (7)
- 27 Bats eyelid — diamonds given (7)

- 1 Rider has reason to keep left (6)
- 2 Virgin heads for nunnery across the river (7)
- 3 Head off flight after ex-pupil's removal (9)
- 4 Four jockeys among crew on Monarch aircraft (11)
- 5 Laugh — short convulsive breath (3)
- 6 A completely empty bypass (5)
- 7 Yellow Submarine's finale? Mouth organ coming up (7)
- 8 Device to carry on ship? (8)
- 13 Green celery — find nothing amiss (3-8)
- 15 From part of leg, short thin sort of pencil lines gone (9)
- 16 Defuses bombs? Pressure told (6,2)
- 18 Always leave and manage to return (3,4)
- 19 Chap restricting runs with balls? (7)
- 20 Had a bad habit cured (6)
- 22 Animal house has one very quietly feeding (5)
- 25 Pose in Sun, topless (3)

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