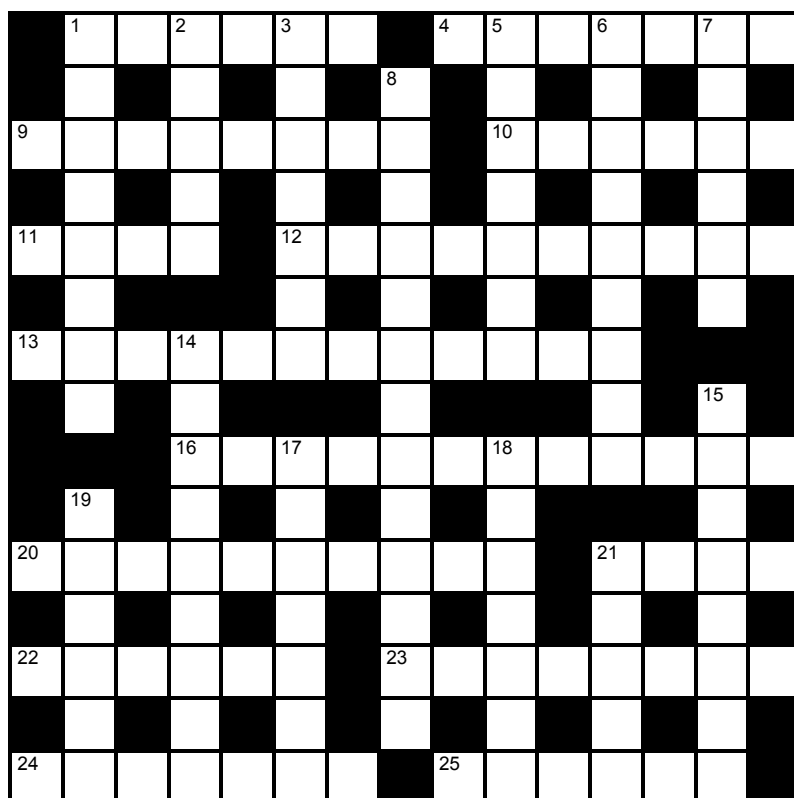


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Across

- 1 Private parts inflamed in retirement – a depressing experience (6)
- 4 Boss entertaining very loudly before drug gets loaded (7)
- 9 Former lover compromised at cave is mine! (8)
- 10 Passionate about new decorations (6)
- 11 Even for rugby it's a riotous event (4)
- 12 Moderation from politician within expense limits? Dream about it! (10)
- 13 Beer bottle? (5,7)

- 16 Record beetroot finally found in back end of Bognor allotment (12)
- 20 Really big moon and star I get excited about (10)
- 21 Examine straps from women's underwear (4)
- 22 Delicate proposal (6)
- 23 Drug from Colombia hidden in rear of Peruvian lorry (8)
- 24 Completely leaderless project joining both sides of the railway (7)
- 25 Pronounced rise in compliance (6)

Down

- 1 Skilful investment in spandex trousers (8)
- 2 Fashion you're beginning to find tiresome (5)
- 3 European in charge of housing least likely to be flexible (7)
- 5 Stout served up with cheese and stuff (7)
- 6 Cardinal scratching a large behind (9)
- 7 Make more solvent with Rhine Chemicals lead compound (6)

- 8 Union members and I managed to split rent rebate (13)
- 14 Dismantled rig carted round in barrel (9)
- 15 Verdi's "Oberto" premieres with Cuba's most famous singer (8)
- 17 Drop dead from sex, roughly, with nearly everyone, everyday (7)
- 18 Burns on trousers (7)
- 19 Claim "Fiesta's behind lock-up" (6)
- 21 House is ripped off after changing hands (5)