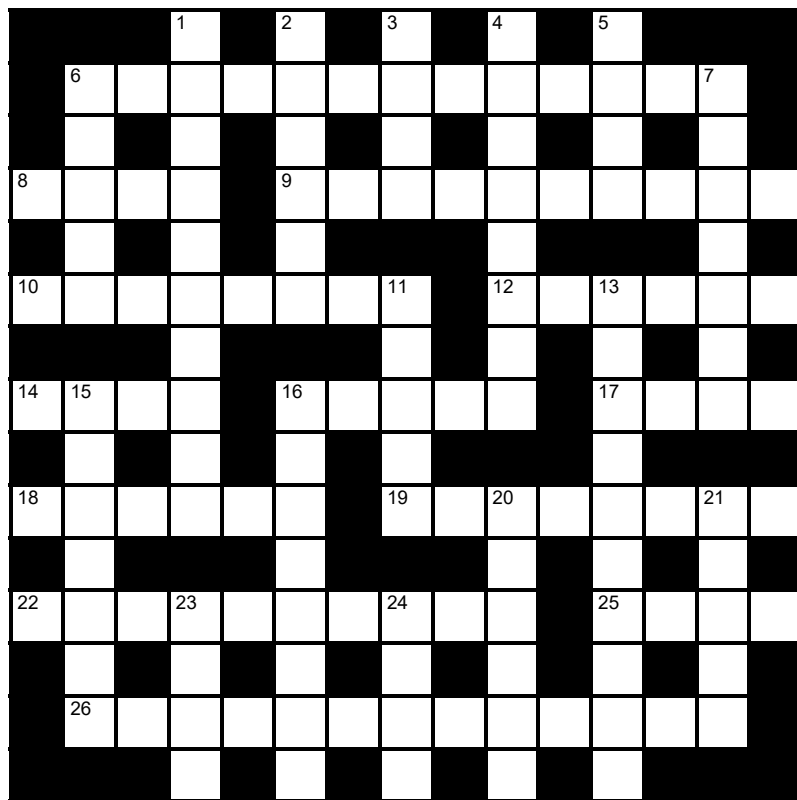


**Across**

- 6 Helper's joint; position for one giving support (13)
- 8 Exclusive N Atlantic shipping forecast area (4)
- 9 This first-class wine can produce merrier cup (7,3)
- 10 Have difficulties when line is adopted by originator (8)
- 12 Sport to talk about interminably (6)
- 14 Regularly sluice out place (4)
- 16 Takes shaky glide (5)
- 17 Aggressive remark in pub over first of beer (4)
- 18 Mottled multi-coloured yarn in small rope for winding round larger one (6)
- 19 Old Welsh musical instrument for sailor's dance (8)
- 22 So I'd tip her cunningly for top newspaper job (10)
- 25 Grumble about piece of Mascarpone (4)
- 26 Cheesed off? With stomach more than full? (3,2,3,5)

**Down**

- 1 Pursue, alas, sadly, in the habitual manner (2,3,5)
- 2 Somewhat poor-do positively upset a woodlouse, say (6)
- 3 Not at first disturb stability of local rack for drying cheese (4)



- 4 Adopt non-committal position towards singular, essentially testing, puzzling question (8)
- 5 Cup of tea for lady who cleans? (4)
- 6 An inflamed swelling bubbling over (5)
- 7 One following improper usurper (7)
- 11 Partially broaches concave curve in foot of sail (5)
- 13 Replaces muscles involving, that is, partial division of a group (10)
- 15 Coming to rescue - of India, maybe? (2,3,2)
- 16 Run of ops curiously unable to be harmed by ultra-violet radiation (8)
- 20 Fame of ram turning up in Scottish yard for wintering cattle (6)
- 21 Measure rod for bird to alight on (5)
- 23 Flood of feeling to happen in times gone by (4)
- 24 Big laugh of couple of Charlies leaving dance (2-2)