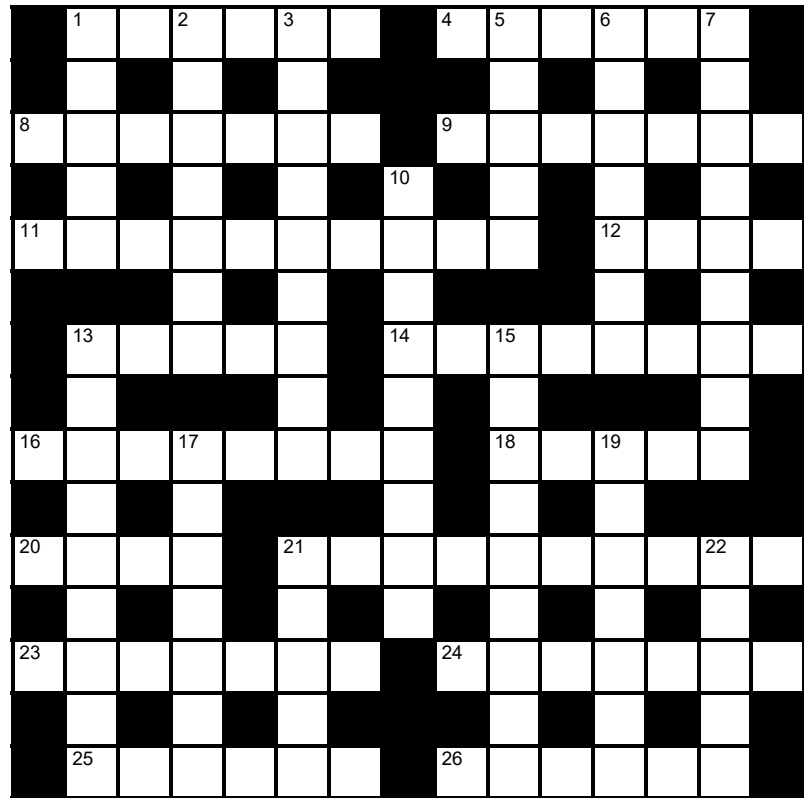


# Rookie Corner 627

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## Across

- 1 Déagol swimming as way to go (3,3)
- 4 Talks from the heart of misty mountain tops (6)
- 8 Burping noise filling part of building (7)
- 9 Opportunities to reflect? (7)
- 11 Crudest gag shocked company for dessert? (3,7)
- 12 Gent found as March ends and April begins&nbsp;(4)
- 13 Fly from Malta to Italy alongside daughter, finally ending voyage (5)
- 14 Get inside to her so as to be united (8)
- 16 Property assumptions (8)
- 18 Largely humble ways of operating (5)
- 20 Agitate takeaway from dodgy stairway (4)
- 21 Loud then delicate, track has an airy trajectory (6,4)
- 23 Malfunctioning tie and belt: no change needed (3,2,2)
- 24 Withdraw again to indulge (7)
- 25 Müller downsizes for period of time (6)
- 26 Inventor of “on-side” playing (6)



## Down

- 1 In debt, leave capital of Russia, arguing (5)
- 2 Figured out action: eating mostly duck (7)
- 3 German with anxiety occasionally yearns for Peaky Blinders? (9)
- 5 Continued to supply priest and deceived (5)
- 6 Deviously, I rat cop to stoned one? (7)
- 7 Aurora Borealis features as seen on Twitch (9)
- 10 Pop’s endless mark of approval - “Brilliant!” (9)
- 13 Mess around tiler working for no point (9)
- 15 Ivory defender? (9)
- 17 During roam, six ramblers recalled Karl’s idea (7)
- 19 Leaves short on cash, northbound without a penny (7)
- 21 Lie about part of healthy diet (5)
- 22 Improve strength through extra innings (5)