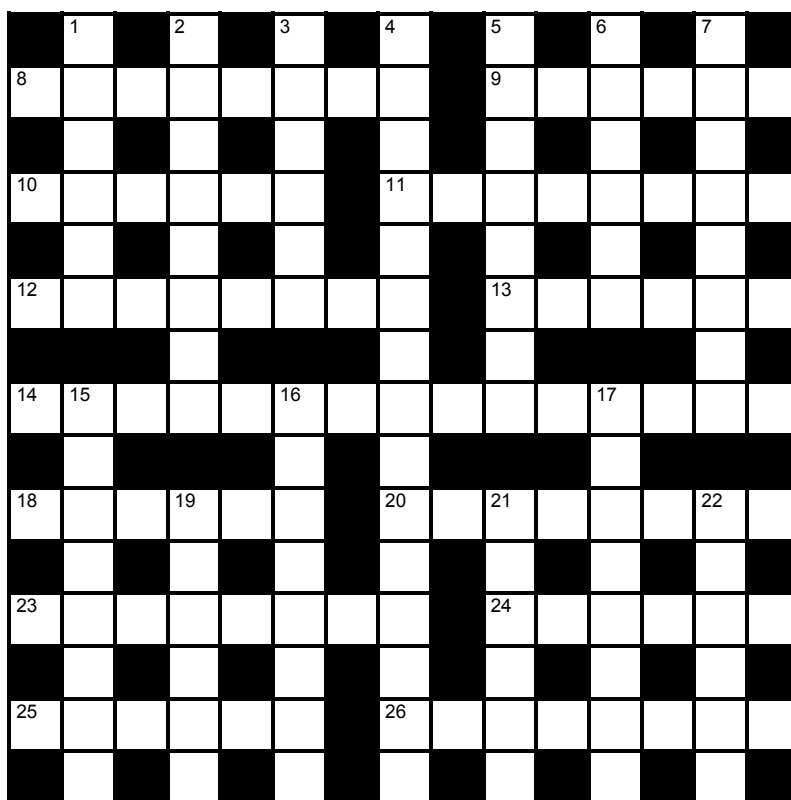


Across

- 8 Playing blues to a perfect standard (8)
- 9 Forever allow satyrs in, oddly (6)
- 10 Told to regard Nicholas, as being beautiful (6)
- 11 Possibly it's a turn, he's not seen in the Dress Circle (8)
- 12 Bosses at gathering, needed to handle hot issues (8)
- 13 Shakespearean king or bone-setter (6)



- 14 What attracts people to Aintree? (6,9)
- 18 Old paper for drawing (6)
- 20 Make unemployed people meet for novelty event (4,4)
- 23 Caution, on his mad antics (8)
- 24 Popular arty creation, gets new post (2-4)
- 25 Olympiad's out of L.S.D. - that could be short-sighted (6)
- 26 Put down peer at the bar (8)

Down

- 1 You can count on it not needing batteries (6)
- 2 Satellite gets support, that's light (8)
- 3 Red Devils get Tom a drink (6)
- 4 Woeful youngster - loose cash dwindled? Yes! (10,5)
- 5 Dismay? Birds do, as they grow up (4,4)
- 6 Part of the answer verified this turn (6)
- 7 I hear James drives away about two feet (3,5)
- 15 Does *ll* have such a peeper? (5,3)
- 16 I had dahl dish - there's posh (3-2-3)
- 17 Throw bottle outside and kill (8)
- 19 Company blots out dodgy trouble spot (6)
- 21 Dogs memorials (6)
- 22 Presides over parking places (6)