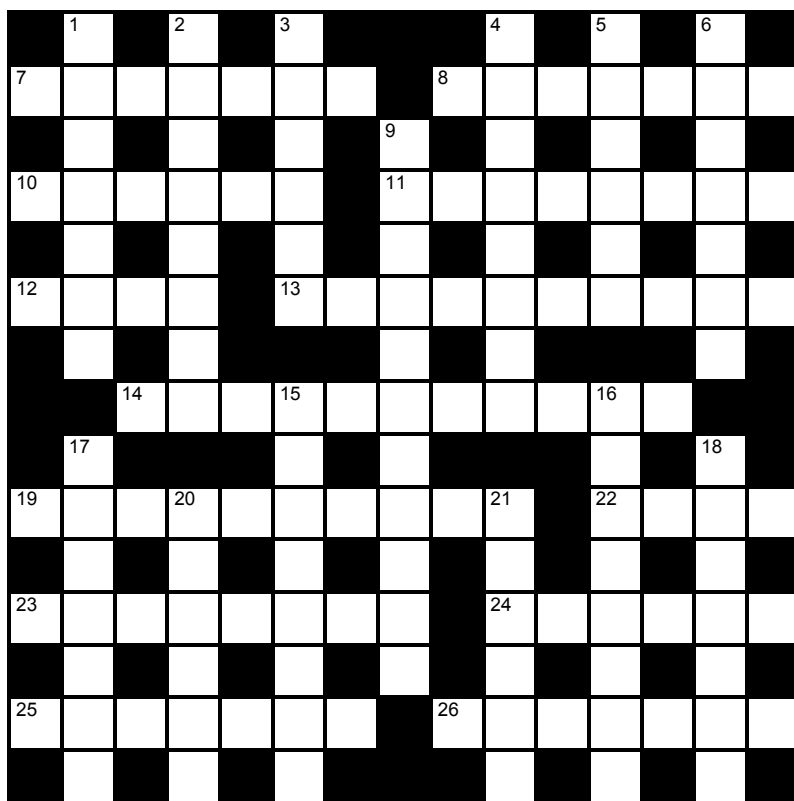


Alphabetical Doggerel



Across

- 7 Stitched small note by river - dawning of day? (7)
- 8 Burrower's agent - with sailor (retired) (4,3)
- 10 Hankers for twelve months with mid-morning sun (6)
- 11 City terrible; Celtic - wide ranging (8)
- 12 Copper beasts gutted small members of pride (4)
- 13 Ear hairs stand up as a funny/sad play (5-5)

- 14 Play when the solver's a fan of King's book (2,3,4,2)
- 19 Oft concrete's refined - or carbon distorts (10)
- 22 Noble to tinkle - finally, taper (4)
- 23 Insects seen off, one granted permission (8)
- 24 Bigot's unknown note: a leftover ton (6)
- 25 Takes head protection from drunken lush men (7)
- 26 Boilers make sweet-talk - weak odds' omission (7)

Down

- 1 A bone in your arm sounds funny in name (7)
- 2 Queen and odd sister - inquisitive sorts (8)
- 3 Black gang who travel above all the rest (3,3)
- 4 End with a thrill that may restart the game (4-4)
- 5 Some novel crown sticks again and again? (6)
- 6 Was mine therein, with the number one deer? (7)
- 9 Tab for the ticker needs black beer to cook (4,7)

- 15 Marsupials' soup - so vile on paper (8)
- 16 One million growers can augment the chest (8)
- 17 Ancient celts? Not in Sinn Féin a-changing (7)
- 18 Ran off and rode east - two times engineer (7)
- 20 New English newspaper bosses required (6)
- 21 More stupid pass right down under inside (6)