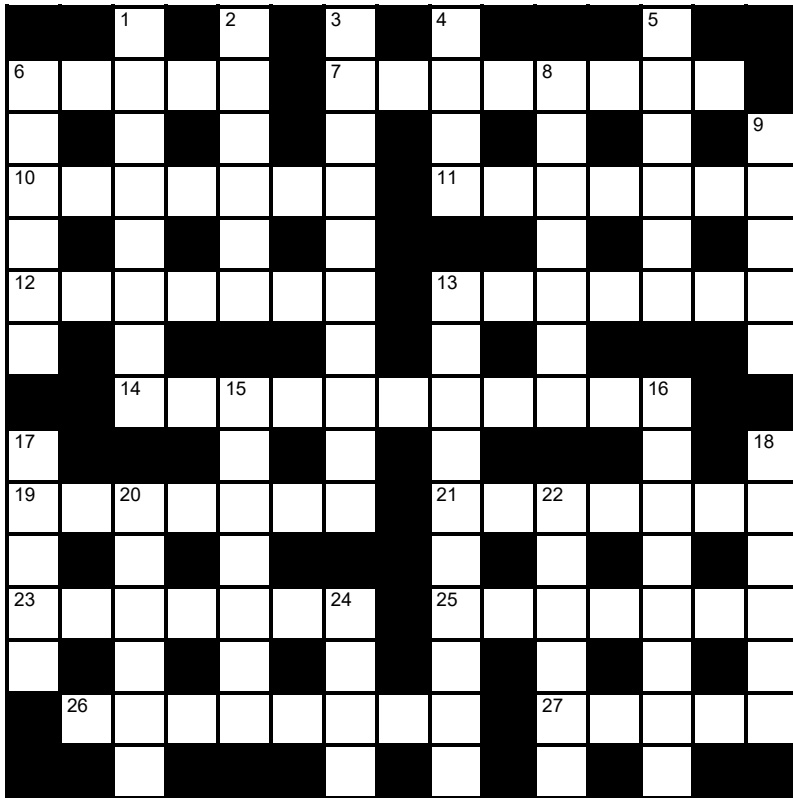


Childhood Friends



Across

- 6 Letter from Goethe tale (5)
- 7 Velocity of a Perseid on the move (8)
- 10 Farewell remark for an advantageous purchase, we hear (7)
- 11 Devious ragman initially dressed the old lady (7)
- 12 Eric at first then two other boys expelled (7)
- 13 Seagulls curiously lacking modicum of love for this marine gastropod (3,4)
- 14 Going back, sir, kill that woman pursuing church patron saint (11)
- 19 Top billing per se, regularly does what we are told nobility does (7)

- 21 Cost of dams in Somerset and Devon river (7)
- 23 Entrance of French artist (of violin fame) on scene to start with (7)
- 25 Coleridge peculiarly losing ID. Spaniards called that artist 'The Greek' (2,5)
- 26 Ring about surprising luck; this ugly young thing might turn into a beauty! (8)
- 27 Composition to test skill of newly formed English duet (5)

Down

- 1 Bizarre comedian; one acting as if possessed by an evil spirit (8)
- 2 Jewish teacher with time for insignificant person (6)

- 3 Working sis cradles places to store data (10)
- 4 Two-masted vessel's sample of cobweb rigging (4)
- 5 Bloody strife between families almost all related to middle-ages social system (6)
- 6 Tawny feline gaining bit of ground; one of 14,17s friends (6)
- 8 Egyptian king's old expression of disgust about a Sun God (7)
- 9 Piece of East African cloth for 14,17s Aussie friend (5)
- 13 Megalithic monument's extraordinary parthenogenesis (frolicking pairs not needed!) (10)
- 15 Wreak havoc, including, e.g. period of student

- merrymaking and moneymaking (3,4)
- 16 Racer in an excited state; one finishing second (6-2)
- 17 Fluttering mostly boring little creature in trouble if north wind blows (5)
- 18 Dreadful eyesore (not seen originally) for gloomy friend of 14,17 (6)
- 20 Look, disease causing pain and swelling! Exit system (3,3)
- 22 Hog and frisky elt producing their offspring (6)
- 24 Soloists, without alternatives, make a cut (4)