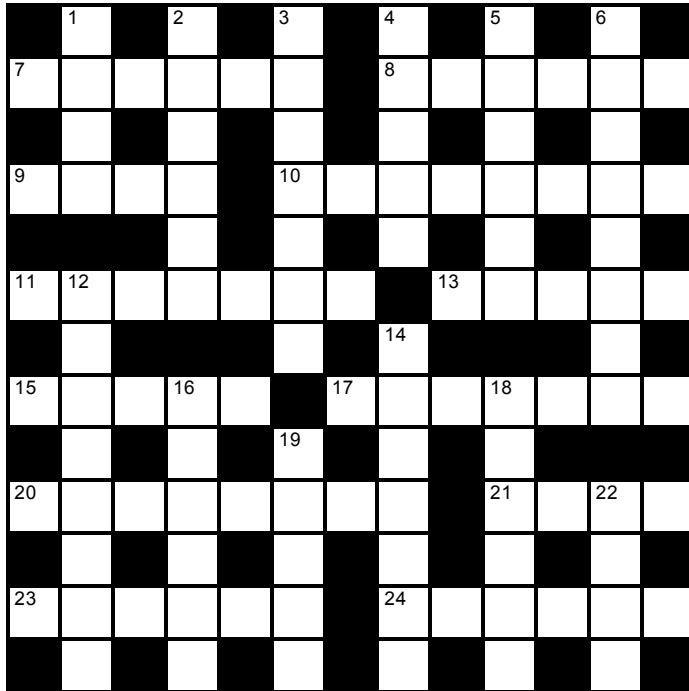


Bicentenary by Chalicea

All clues have a celebratory feature in common. Definitions are normal but the wordplay omits that feature.



Across

- 7 Acarida from time to time in spiny shrub (6)
- 8 Chilly and damp going round old Polish city (6)
- 9 Stimulating drug of half of OAPs! (4)
- 10 East ends out of sorts on Skye (8)
- 11 Sweet or savoury Indian yoghurt drink of established excellence (7)
- 13 Chinese Chairman returns programming language (5)
- 15 Capital of Ghana's variety of bird (5)
- 17 Framework of troubled areas (7)
- 20 Son holding acceptable Hawaiian Islands poet's shield (8)
- 21 Bird's OK (4)
- 23 One pulse for dried root used as emetic (6)
- 24 Strange hour to lie close to the ground! (6)

Down

- 1 Here is theory essentially (4)
- 2 Razor is the other part of this principle: frisky moas! (6)
- 3 Be punished and sadly hit at (5,2)
- 4 Funny oak in an upright position (5)
- 5 Water buffalo in megalithic Breton site (6)
- 6 Imitators' confused typos accepted (8)
- 12 Surprisingly pale as hydrangeas (8)
- 14 Anna initially has Scottish cotton grass (7)
- 16 Our Scots turned over extravagantly ornate style of architecture (6)
- 18 Oahu unusually producing breath sweetener (6)
- 19 Freshwater fish is old (5)
- 22 Hawaiian honey-eater in seaside palm tree (4)