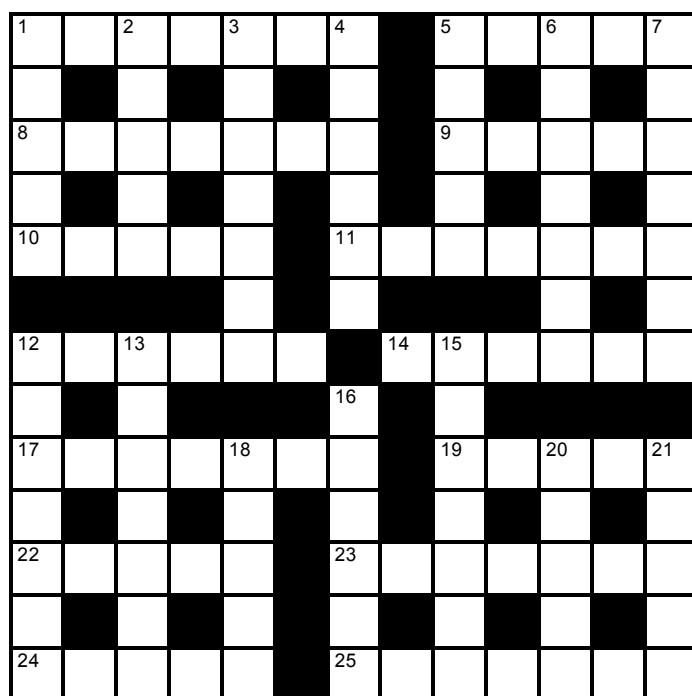


## Cross Country by Chalicea

Across clues are of a kind and have no definition parts, only wordplay. Bon voyage!



### Across

- 1 Leguminous forage plant (7)
- 5 UN returns hosting organised aid (5)
- 8 Exceptionally unseasonable sales chaotically removed (7)
- 9 Mixed vodkas king rejected (5)
- 10 Remains upright, not dead! (5)
- 11 Unexpectedly tallies (7)
- 12 Been in new fashion (6)
- 14 Queer mound circling round (6)
- 17 Venetian craft navy dropped circling river (7)
- 19 A fast arranged (5)
- 22 Small, individually baked portion of bread with bit of egg (5)
- 23 Jittery courage (7)
- 24 Unusually agile (5)
- 25 Very strange nod returned (7)

### Down

- 1 Directs corrupt deals (5)
- 2 Government national emergency committee; a dangerous creature! (5)
- 3 Reports by telephone or ushers in the year (5,2)
- 4 Not oddly, first lady in plays now and then (6)
- 5 Gently prod disturbed dune and bit of ground (5)
- 6 Zealous; was weakly affectionate about Bible version (7)
- 7 Greek letter primarily uttered with no lips involved (7)
- 12 Beg or rant, lacking books: Irish exclamation of surprise (7)
- 13 Protection against noise; pleasuring abnormally without sin (7)
- 15 Speak of something or someone exceptionally verbose (7)

- 16** Instantly appealing feline initially can  
haunt you (6)
- 18** Fat to be set, top and bottom skimmed off  
(5)
- 20** Reasoned without right, cold! (5)
- 21** Private income reduced: dined at home  
(3,2)