



### Across

- 1 Relating to an Italian region (capital Florence) (6)
- 4 An idyllic, beautiful place (usually imagined) (6)
- 9 State in the southeastern United States on the Gulf of Mexico; one of the Confederate states during the American Civil War (7)
- 10 Russian pancake of buckwheat flour and yeast; usually served with caviar and sour cream (5)
- 11 The 3rd planet from the sun (5)
- 12 Channel that separates the heel of Italy from Albania (7)
- 13 Area in the north-west part of the Czech Republic, on the border with Germany, ceded to Germany as a result of the Munich Agreement of September 1938 and returned to Czechoslovakia in 1945 (11)
- 18 Italian electrical engineer who invented wireless telegraphy and in 1901 transmitted radio signals across the Atlantic Ocean (1874-1937) (7)
- 20 US astronomer and French novelist (5)
- 22 An Indian side dish of yogurt and chopped cucumbers and spices (5)

### Down

- 1 Member of a nomadic Berber people of the Sahara (6)
- 2 Rock star and drummer for the Beatles (born in 1940) (5)
- 3 Woman changed into a spider by Athene (7)
- 5 Framework that supports climbing plants in the USA (5)
- 6 Town in southeastern France on the Rhone River; the seat of the papacy from 1309 to 1378 and the residence of antipopes during the Great Schism (7)
- 7 (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves (6)
- 8 Any of the British rulers who were members of a dynasty originating in Northern Europe (11)
- 14 Republic in southeastern Europe; formerly a European soviet; the centre of the original Russian state which came into existence in the ninth century (7)
- 15 Opera house in Milan (2,5)
- 16 Mountainous region in central Italy, capital Perugia (6)

- 23** River flowing from Lake Erie into Lake Ontario; forms boundary between Ontario and New York (7)
- 24** Deficiency of red blood cells expressed in the USA (6)
- 25** Welcome in Ireland and Scotland (6)
- 17** One of several residents of a dwelling (especially someone confined to a prison or hospital) (6)
- 19** Gulf inhabitant (5)
- 21** (legend) chalice used by Christ at the Last Supper (5)