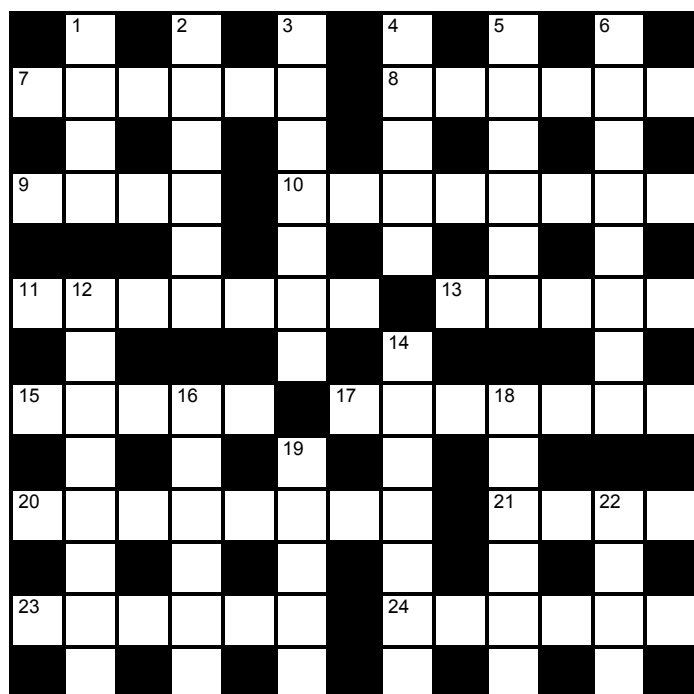


Best Friend by Chalicea

Ten solutions are of a kind and have wordplay only.



Across

- 7 US poet, inherently oddly old (6)
- 8 Cello I styled (6)
- 9 I ask about this drink (4)
- 10 River valley in Yorkshire (8)
- 11 Mother's little quarrel (7)
- 13 Pale greenish part of shrubby leaves (5)
- 15 Expression of surprise - a US soldier (5)
- 17 Sorted out ale pots for someone ardently supporting a cause (7)
- 20 Pirate's peculiar contraption lacking explosive TNT (8)
- 21 Beat a blood sucking mite (4)
- 23 Second class bird of prey (6)
- 24 Rejected novel English wingflap on delta-winged aircraft (6)

Down

- 1 Cloak of funny goat (4)
- 2 Split following publicity's aimlessly off course (6)
- 3 Strangely disaffected wanting diet providing these drinks with stimulating part removed (7)
- 4 With disdain look down on special seeds of cereal plants (5)
- 5 Solemn promise of public library with advantage (6)
- 6 Surprisingly solidly accepted showing lack of trust and faith to one's country (8)
- 12 Protects metal against corrosion - as Edison, maybe arranged (8)
- 14 Wild special alpine creature (7)
- 16 Outlying farm's good stretch of open country (6)
- 18 Person who compiles crosswords (6)
- 19 Someone who fights with his fists for sport (5)
- 22 Informal term for a meal (4)