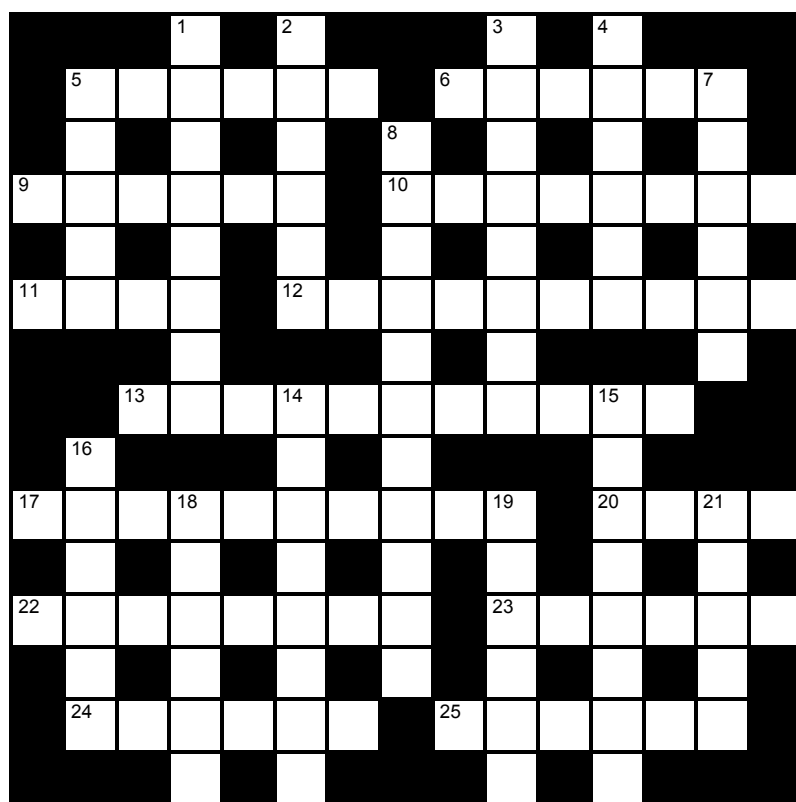


ARENA



Across

5 Ted Hughes wife (forename) (6)

6 Evening worship service (6)

9 Ferryman who brought the souls of the dead across the river Styx (6)

10 Football team, nicknamed '*The Dons*' (8)

11 Wading bird (4)

12 He wrote detective novels featuring Father Brown (10)

13 *Cortaderia Selloana*, widely used in flower arranging (6,5)

17 Author of *Hiawatha* (10)

20 Ancient Irish language (4)

22 It returns oxygen-depleted blood to the right atrium of the heart (4,4)

23 A roofed arcade or gallery (6)

24 Any of several herbs of the genus *Dipsacus* having flower heads surrounded by spiny bracts (6)

25 Unskilled Asian labourer (6)

Down

1 Forename of one of the *Two Fat Ladies* (8)

2 Film with William Holden & Kim Novak (6)

3 Insectivorous bird (3-5)

4 Implement used as an aid by snooker players (6)

5 Term of respect for important white Europeans in colonial India (5)

7 Small South African antelope (6)

8 Capital of Tanzania (3,2,6)

14 A star cluster in the constellation Taurus (8)

15 The musician in a novel by George du Maurier (8)

16 English Channel between the coast of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (6)

18 Novelist, best known for *Poldark* (6)

19 Tree of the genus *Salix* (6)

21 Bird, a marshland wader (5)