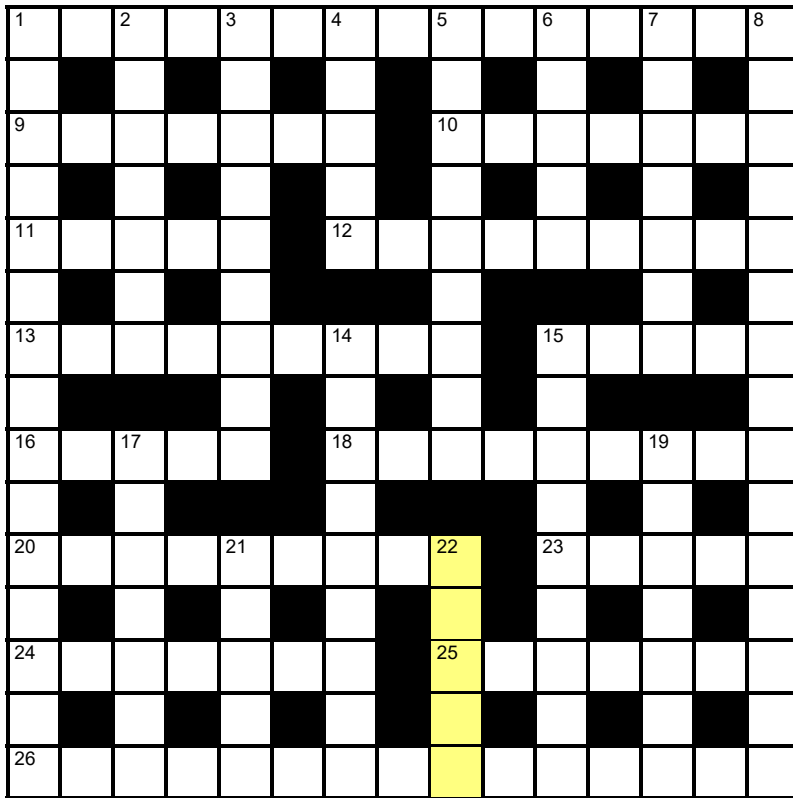


## Mark's Crossword



### Across

- 1 Forms deep connection with comrade intent on disobeying orders (7,3,5)
- 9 Most green men exist in fantasy (7)
- 10 Second payment paid right to the winner (7)
- 11 Like a fool, I had put nothing in it (5)
- 12 Bank to drive rise in stock exchange (9)
- 13 It is common to get valuers in for a rebuild (9)
- 15 Account requires bail out with one deposit (5)
- 16 Pets get over-hot from walks (5)
- 18 Berate for wearing t-shirt and shorts (5,4)
- 20 Screen two offering
- 23 Lit up like a bulb (5)
- 24 Turned the place upside down and then cleaned up (7)
- 25 Impressed with the rider's hat (7)
- 26 Club staff gel together and it helps create bond between members (11,4)
- 5 Ill-shaven wandering around country home (9)
- 6 Argue against upping roots (5)
- 7 Design a utility container for submarines (7)
- 8 Ballad is more specific than usual, addressing decay in age-worn tree (9,6)
- 14 Chips in the surface structure (4,5)
- 15 Guards against unfriendly assailant (9)
- 17 Good Vibrations in music bar (7)
- 19 Completely service the rig (3,4)
- 21 Give up trying in a fling (5)
- 22 Back in revolutionary corner (5)

### Down

- 1 Useful saying helps cut to the quick (12,3)
- 2 Diana got in with one particular musician (7)
- 3 Nine steps required to resolve stupidity (9)
- 4 Sweetheart orders tea for afters at diner (5)