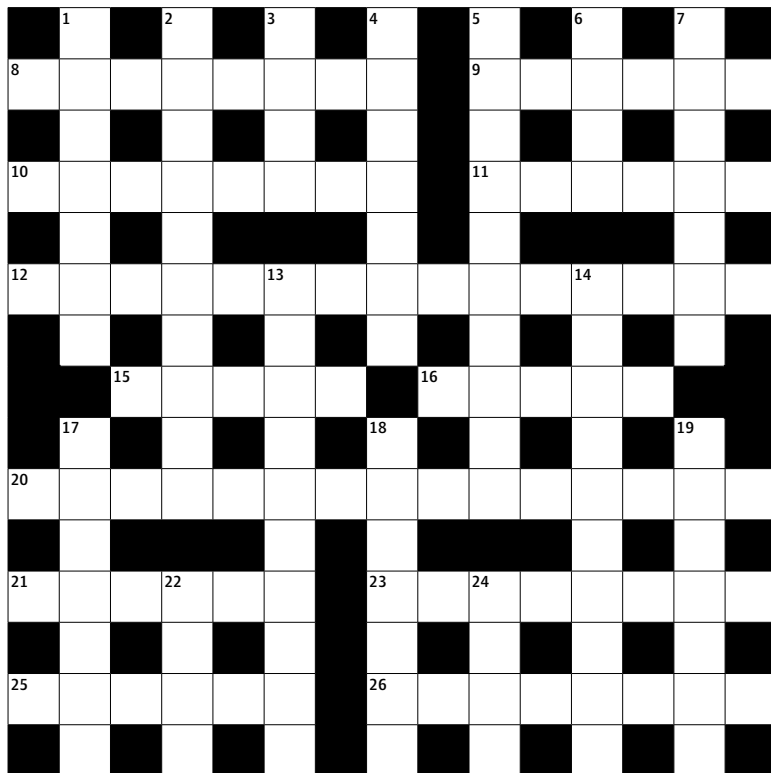


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Across

- 8 Beat queue, you say, to disappear outside (8)
- 9 High priest's wit (6)
- 10 Before temperature fell, sun's unnatural (8)
- 11 Advanced problem about end of universe (2,4)
- 12 Lower reputation extremely likely with empathy (15)
- 15 Monster? Bit of a titchy dragon (5)
- 16 Like fashion award in Birmingham? (5)
- 20 Tailored configuration for each issue with faulty Italian OS (15)
- 21 After instrument goes from cold to hot, it buzzes (6)
- 23 Special sailor's regret? To retire destroyer (8)
- 25 Mountain of metal and wood (6)
- 26 Vegas out to employ worker with benefits (8)

- 13 It can be tied then, ie switched, to reinforce (10)
- 14 Amazon fish treats cooked under gas (4,6)
- 17 About 150 gatecrash function for kicks (7)
- 18 Following end of chase, evil US criminal is hard to find (7)
- 19 Flowers share purposes (7)
- 22 Catch adult wearing nothing (4)
- 24 Eccentric don put on black tie (4)

Down

- 1 Car takes a right into the drink (7)
- 2 Conservative, they say, votes for this after watching TV for too long (6,4)
- 3 Lasagne's first put into family oven (4)
- 4 Gorge on cheese (7)
- 5 Incredibly modest, this group of Christians (10)
- 6 Look, it's Mark! (4)
- 7 City green (7)

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