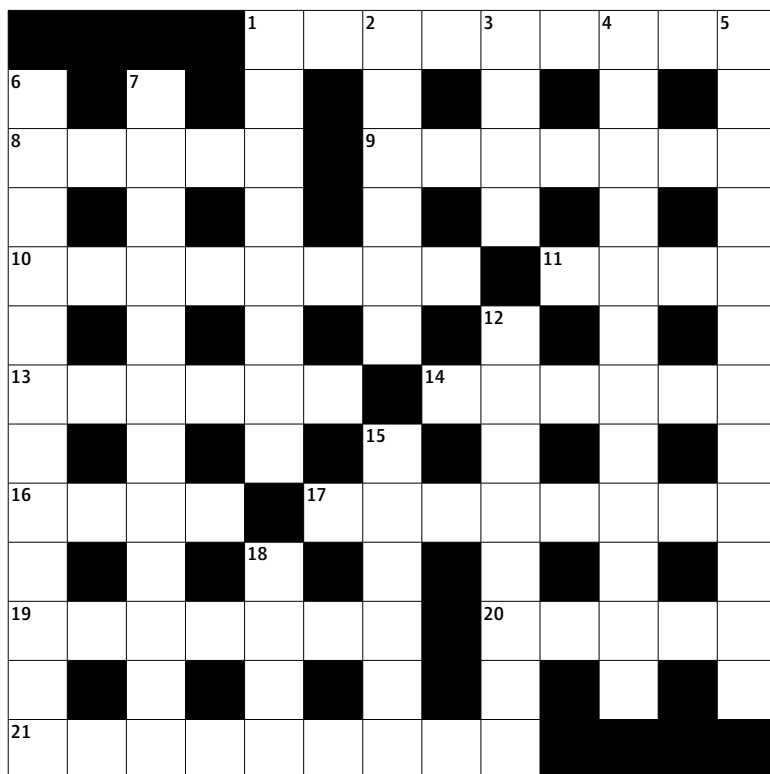


Quick crossword no 17,554



Across

- 1** Unenlightened (9)
8 Lay to rest (5)
9 School-trip vehicle (7)
10 Wedding do, held in advance (3,5)
11 Therefore (formal) (4)
13 Give power, strength or authority to (6)
14 Give a 'not guilty' verdict (6)
16 Street, table or effect (4)
17 Large bottle (8)
19 Insistent (7)
20 Privileged social group (5)
21 Effective (but possibly unethical) (9)

18 Smooth - bits of rock (4)

Down

- 1** Marine hanger-on (8)
2 Idiot (informally) (6)
3 Unwanted sticky stuff (4)
4 Keats died of it (12)
5 No longer in production (12)
6 Measure of seismologists (7,5)
7 Tall floor light (8,4)
12 It's not deliberate (8)
15 Cook's grinder (6)

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