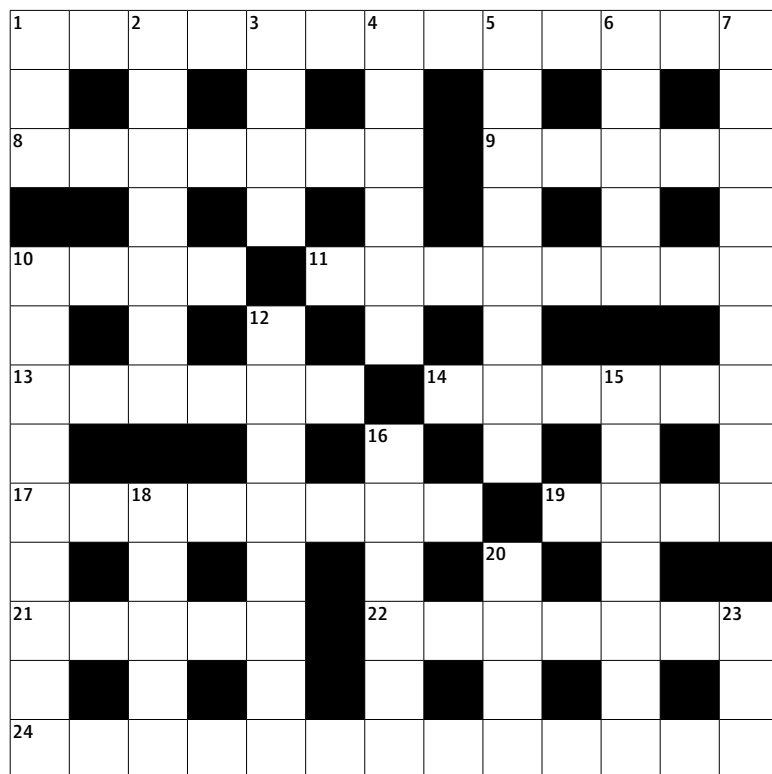


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Across

- 1** Feature of everyday speech (13)
8 On paper, they're friends (3,4)
9 Sycophant (5)
10 Killed - a large number (4)
11 Tree-dwelling (8)
13 Shrewd (6)
14 Deliberately avoid (6)
17 Retreat (8)
19 Wide expanse of uncultivated ground (4)
21 Adhesive - tasteless (5)
22 Masonic or mayoral fancy dress? (7)
24 Microscopic (13)

- 16** Tempting vegetable? (6)

- 18** Coffee that won't keep you up (5)
20 An eternity (4)
23 Everyone (3)

Down

- 1** Price or shower? (3)
2 Merciful (7)
3 So-so (4)
4 Dubious (6)
5 Non-mainstream (film) (3-5)
6 Dopy (5)
7 Spring blossom (9)
10 Strap, squash or junction (9)
12 Don't get carried away! (6,2)
15 Gangster (7)

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