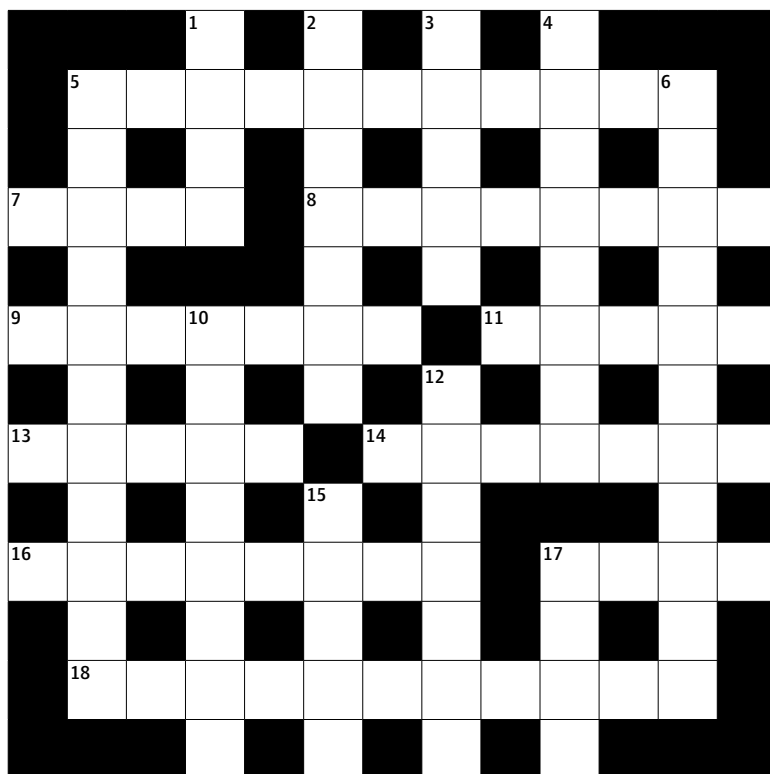


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Across

- 5** One dampening the mood at social occasion (5-6)
7 Orderly (4)
8 Female personification of (usually good) fortune (4,4)
9 Nonplussed (2,1,4)
11 Venom (5)
13 Flavourless (5)
14 Became gradually narrower (7)
16 Tooth or valve - Cupid sib (anag) (8)
17 Helen of __ (4)
18 Aladdin's mode of transport (5,6)

17 Worm, measure or deck (4)

Down

- 1** Unravel the end of - brawl (4)
2 Tour de France competitor (7)
3 Irritable, with shifting emotional states (5)
4 Dessert - in __ order (5-3)
5 Dotty art form (11)
6 Make things difficult (4,3,4)
10 Human speech (8)
12 Accessory associated with Margaret Thatcher (7)
15 Smoked ham - small spot (5)

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