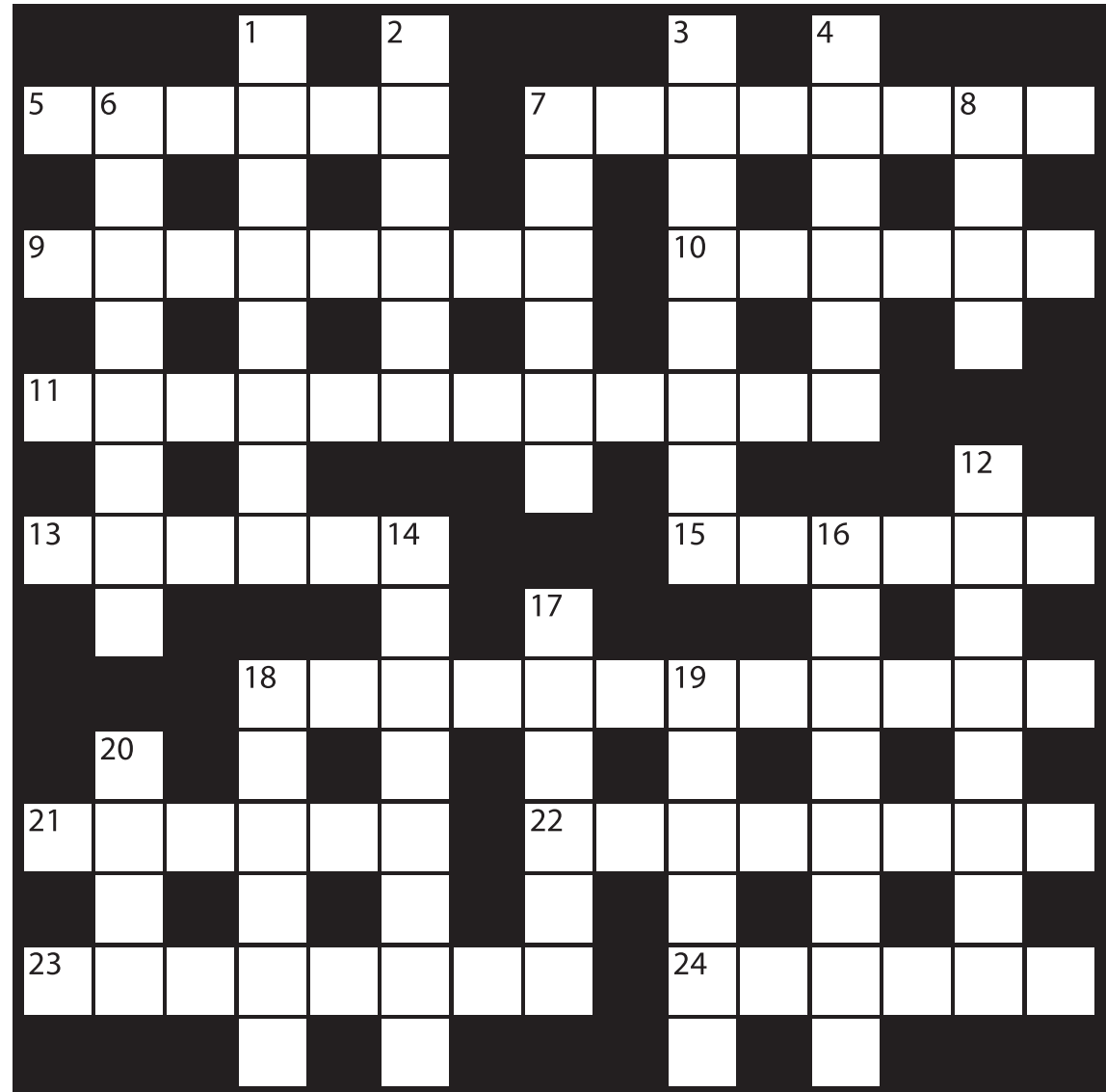


ACROSS

- 5 Cheerful pub: arranged to have dinner, say (6)
- 7 Squads very involved in projects (8)
- 9 Deficiency in period causes power cut (8)
- 10 Drink shared between Hamish and you (6)
- 11 Hands get roll misshapen in tight grip (12)
- 13 Guard's patrol regularly in vehicle (6)
- 15 No alcohol to consume good for head (6)
- 18 Order for seafood rations to be shelled (12)
- 21 Prime attack (6)
- 22 Fellow islander's helm was battered by knight (8)
- 23 Day with sportsperson becomes more lively (8)
- 24 Church ventilates pews (6)

DOWN

- 1 Salesman's half-forgotten former mantra (8)
- 2 Intense musical work about heartless tsar (6)
- 3 Graduate cut holding tip of sharp instrument (4,4)
- 4 Farm animal on a road is chicken (6)
- 6 Father sorted it all with a grand (8)
- 7 Bird favourite on lake (6)
- 8 Exposed journalist, a French revolutionary (4)
- 12 Cuckoo is around reptile (8)
- 14 Greek character and aides travelling for old country (8)
- 16 Progress from result of coin toss? (3,5)



- 17 Female put down plant (6)
- 18 Area of capital city with hospital (6)
- 19 Spite from male boxer ends in cuddle (6)
- 20 Mythological figure removing gold from writer (4)