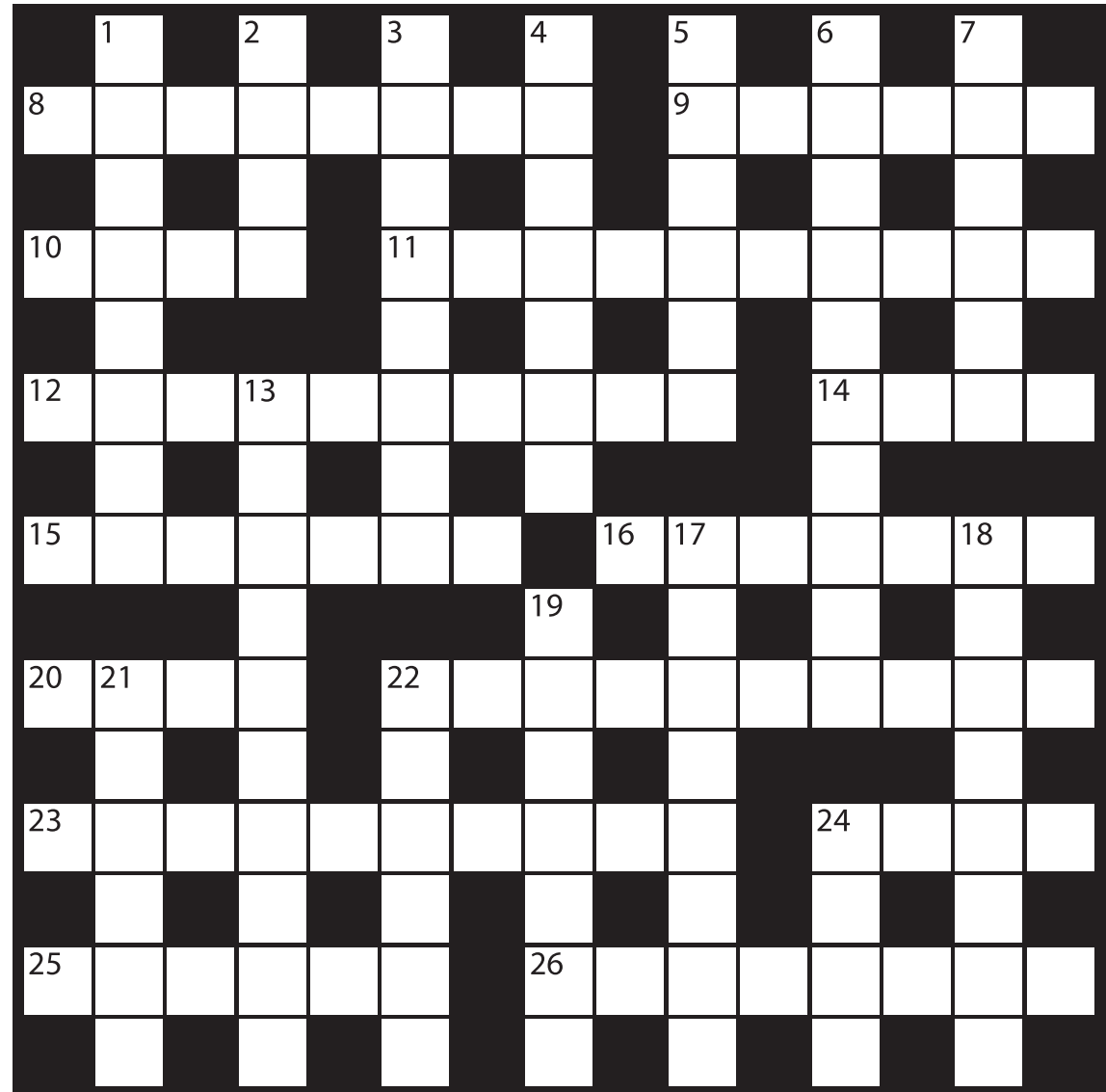


**ACROSS**

- 8 Elegant society girl broadcasting live (8)
- 9 Taking some of you to piazza – ideal place (6)
- 10 Charge round river to liberate (4)
- 11 Tale Norman translated – fancy! (10)
- 12 Objecting to professional carrying out an examination (10)
- 14 Poverty of Tyneside journalist? (4)
- 15 Good man embraced by a European, a missionary (7)
- 16 Move in a circle with sawn-off gun? (7)
- 20 Hurt Hungarian leader’s limb (4)
- 22 Jam has to rise, yet (10)
- 23 USA is prone, oddly, to have a set of beliefs (10)
- 24 Raise the back (4)
- 25 Dreads awful snakes (6)
- 26 Carol follows regular church service (8)

**DOWN**

- 1 Sweet couple heard to fall (4-4)
- 2 Stood up for woman (4)
- 3 Revel with learner on fairground ride (8)
- 4 Distracted father with playful caper (7)
- 5 Stone and barrel overturned to reveal spice (6)
- 6 How to describe the vagrant who lost a fight? (4,3,3)
- 7 Buccaneer finds rodent in pastry dish (6)
- 13 Time to request teacher to be severe boss (10)
- 17 Put a stop to rage but still expose to injury (8)
- 18 Crooks at home in Mediterranean houses (8)



- 19 Showcase for senior MPs (7)
- 21 Information woman holds for discussion points (6)
- 22 Poles and English, thinly dispersed (6)
- 24 Hurry to find grass (4)