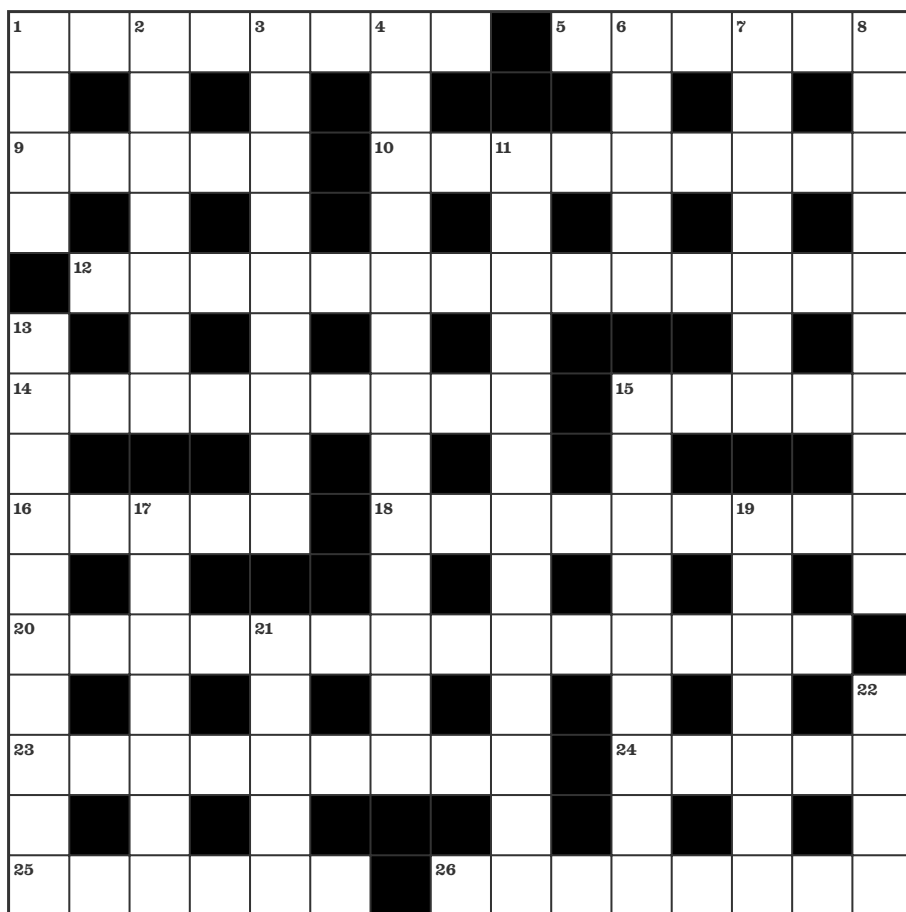


Everyman No. 4,153



Across

- 1** Dance music in tavern (8)
5 Supports couples (6)
9 Gobble up mockery (5)
10 Son succeeding daughter in laziness and rudeness (9)
12 Decide to put cosmetics on solver: skin contains mark (4,2,4,4)
14 Concerning political process, the Spanish muscle wanting bit of protection (9)
15 Primarily baleful, like Eeyore and knelling? (5)
16 Cockney's language is not mainstream (5)
18 'Extremely stable' Stateside freak (9)
20 Oh! Find Morecambe - without a struggle - unexpectedly win (4,4,6)

23 Singing gondolier heard somewhere in S America (9)

24 Weapon hidden in flipping wastepaper basket (5)

25 Abide the dregs not having uniform (6)

26 Everyman to promise to put away, for a start, nasty ties etc (8)

Down

1 At heart, Photoshop's rubbish (4)

2 In favour of flat having no trace of laughing gas (7)

3 Fort with fence constructed, not in the middle (3-6)

4 Here skeletons may descend from on high; situation likely to worsen (8,5)

6 Person in charge appearing in the end, after you yell blue murder (5)

7 Swiss bread's aroma absent at first - then I'm getting hint of *edelweiss* (7)

8 Sportingly compete and see Kaepernick finally pasted, sadly (5,5)

11 Bear has weapon: it's wedged in your body (8,5)

13 Once more find echoey effect mostly overwhelming dance music (10)

15 Curt biddy shuts out believers (9)

17 What may be played in pub as one of the Three Tenors is no good? (7)

19 Elevate, somehow, ankle bone - but not back - every now and then (7)

21 Startled as first and last characters taken in by policeman (5)

22 Act the lech and stagger up (4)