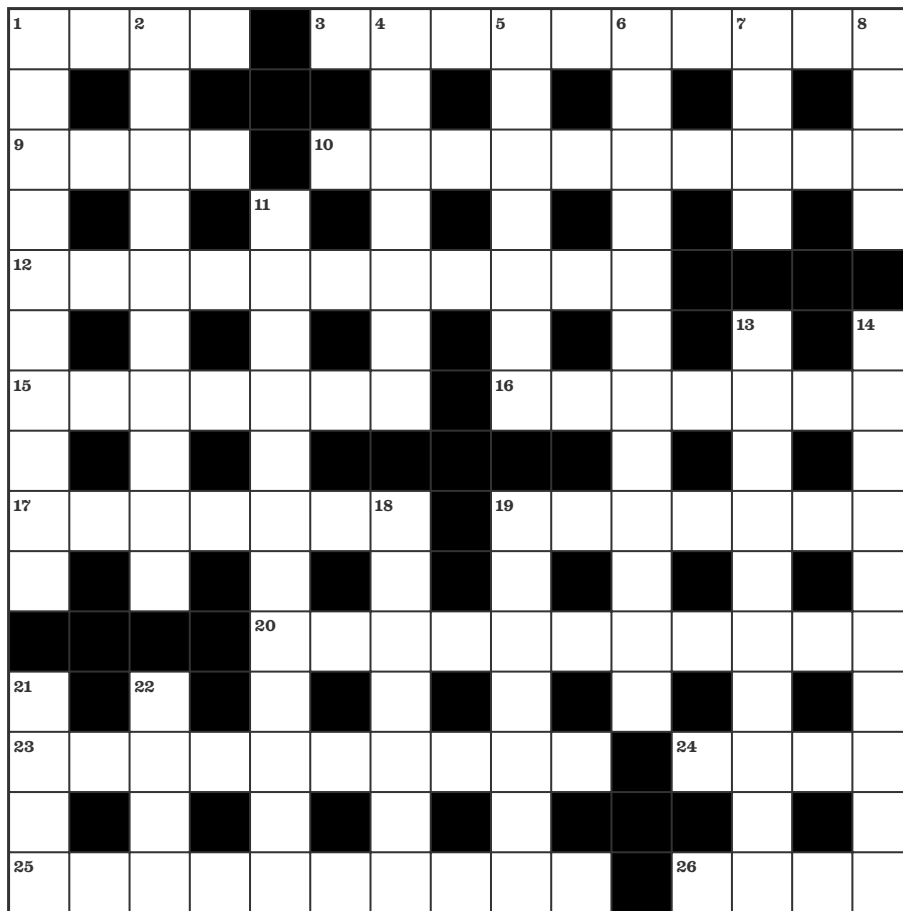


Everyman No. 4,144



Across

- 1** Cockney listens - and bows (4)
3 Reproduces dodgy systems (10)
9 Sound from pen - why pen no use? (4)
10 Clutch, clutching loved one, making racket (10)
12 Playing Lendl: a four-time French tennis ace (6,5)
15 Spurs very quietly storm off ... (7)
16 ... decrepit coach, exhausted, wants steady source of income (4,3)
17 Beggar me! Niagara's surrounding country (7)
19 In favour of 'very average'!? Everyman's beginning to annoy (7)
20 Warnings as Spooner relays outcome of birthday-party food fight (4-2,5)

- 23** Once again, apply following diagram depicting something intoxicating (10)
24 End-piece: a physician taken aback (4)
25 It says you'll go wrong adding potato to cabbage salad (7,3)
26 Island on vacation - Sark - yippee! (4)

Down

- 1** Silly Carol, happy to be uncertain (10)
2 Tricky situation: farm with no cows to flounder (3,2,5)
4 Decrees - when you've repeatedly drawn a line? (7)
5 Some welcome Dickensian characters being amusing (7)
6 Twin to put lid on some whisky (6,6)
7 Most of logbook picked up in police swoop (4)

- 8** Notice function making noise (4)
11 What guard's doing: not selling retirement gift? (7,5)
13 Assignments making reformed crooks howl (10)
14 Chimney-cleaners draw in drawing of lots (10)
18 Bling: grotesque slanket (7)
19 Initially powerful realm; ultimately subservient state ignobly abolished! (7)
21 Mucky film showing Special Constable with hesitant expression (4)
22 Decent trade show (4)