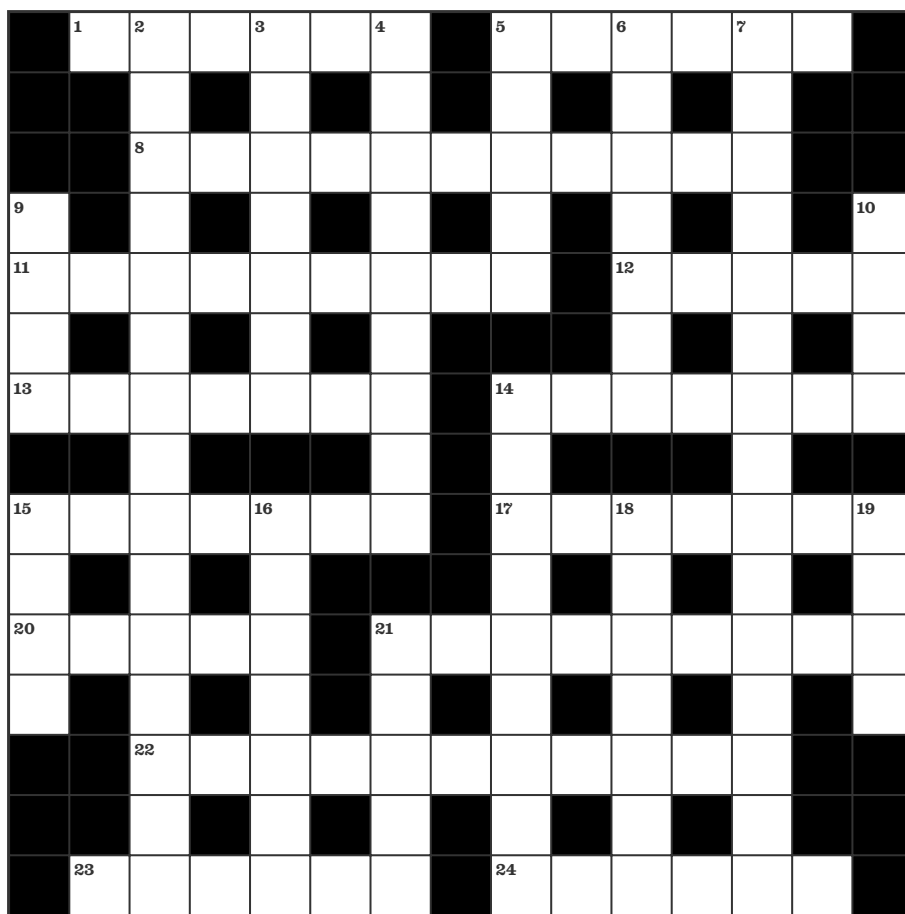


Everyman No. 4,155



Across

- 1** Occupy thoughts of bosses following reorg (6)
- 5** Spirited gathering that's not without its knockers (6)
- 8** I'm often the basis for a romantic evening (5,3,3)
- 11** Fellow directing tidying-up of mare's nest (9)
- 12** Walk back expressions of agreement and contemplation (5)
- 13** *Blood Rain*, essentially hopeless diversion for children (7)
- 14** Most people do these duties (7)
- 15** Shock trimmed for election (7)
- 17** Zero that are crazy; 99 drifting (7)
- 20** Antediluvian letter equipping Phoenicians, Hebrews, initially? (5)

- 21** Two tones together: silly bungler ringing phone company (4-5)

- 22** Church musician's headed for loo for want of alternative: things will go downhill fast for her (11)

- 23** With temperature receding, hail landing on lecturer, one that's lost in the woods (6)

- 24** Disapproval, but not about warrant (6)

Down

- 2** Increasingly encouraging couple at the bookies? (6,3,6)
- 3** Red light for traffic - changes to amber - go! (7)
- 4** Hot spot whereby 'don't sweat it' is poor advice (5,4)
- 5** Cursed as new arguments rebutted (5)

- 6** Goddess, Astarte, misbehaved in some measure (7)

- 7** Mad dog covers news: quite the puzzler! (9,6)

- 9** Employed house detective to eject some characters (4)

- 10** Perhaps makes Brown edgy and tense regularly (4)

- 14** Diplomatic office not happy with clause (9)

- 15** Stingy Everyman getting a round - not until the fourth (4)

- 16** Former partner greeting boring tool: it's for show (7)

- 18** This chap's pullin' faces at front of stage (7)

- 19** Rod for Old Testament murderer, we're told (4)

- 21** Spooner's delivering Clark, maybe, a roll (5)