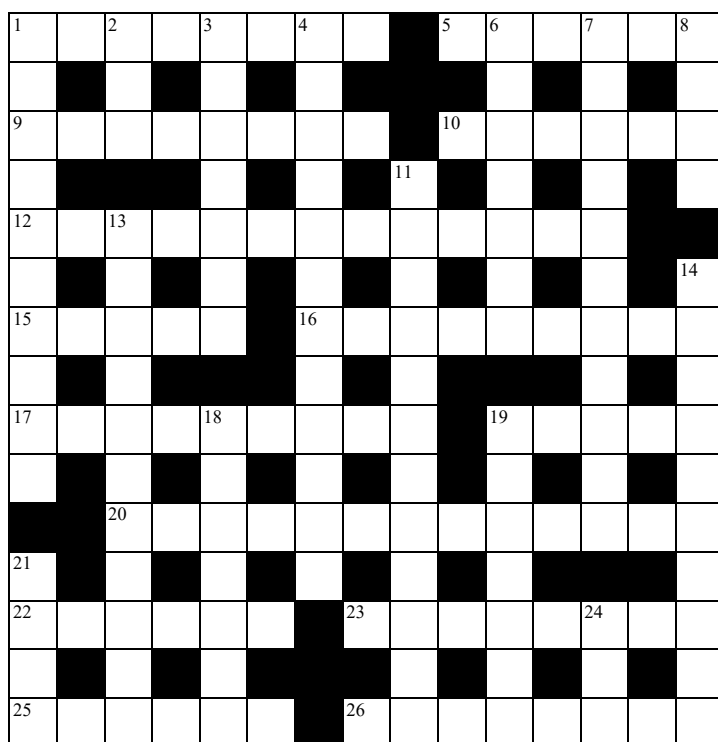


POYNTON u3a CROSSWORD PUZZLE No.60



ACROSS

1. Person who looks after kids with nannies (8)
5. Groups of criminals crossing English river (6)
9. Give voice to Beethoven's fifth (8)
10. No holding Coe in battle (6)
12. The latest worry for museum curator? (5,2,3,3)
15. Open series of deliveries arriving on time (5)
16. A moment after top army officer shows evidence of wound (9)
17. Butcher starting to sell best medicine? (9)
19. Flapper in raincoat that's adorable (5)
20. Pattern of cloth vet put on canine perhaps after canine (3-5,5)
22. Framework in Greek and English houses ailing (6)
23. Doctor lost knee bones (8)
25. Fast agent crossing river to the west (6)
26. Release boy carrying round sponge (8)

DOWN

1. You won't find the flower of the army in it! (10)
2. Something put in Christmas pudding is poisonous (3)
3. Farmland animals eating five tons in gathered crops (7)
4. Confirmation pleasure's no good (12)
6. First male worker, stubbornly resolute (7)
7. Wonderful group of friends that takes the earth's belt (5,6)
8. Good person with chromosomes returned for mythical river (4)
11. Theatre backer, not bold, abandoned play (3,9)
13. In refurbished inn, a relaxed six-footer (11)
14. We are naked, writhing, aroused again (10)
18. Ryan briefly ahead laughed (7)
19. Spots parent with a clue for resolving (7)
21. Heads of European governments with outsize conceits (4)
24. As well it's where a countdown is heading (3)