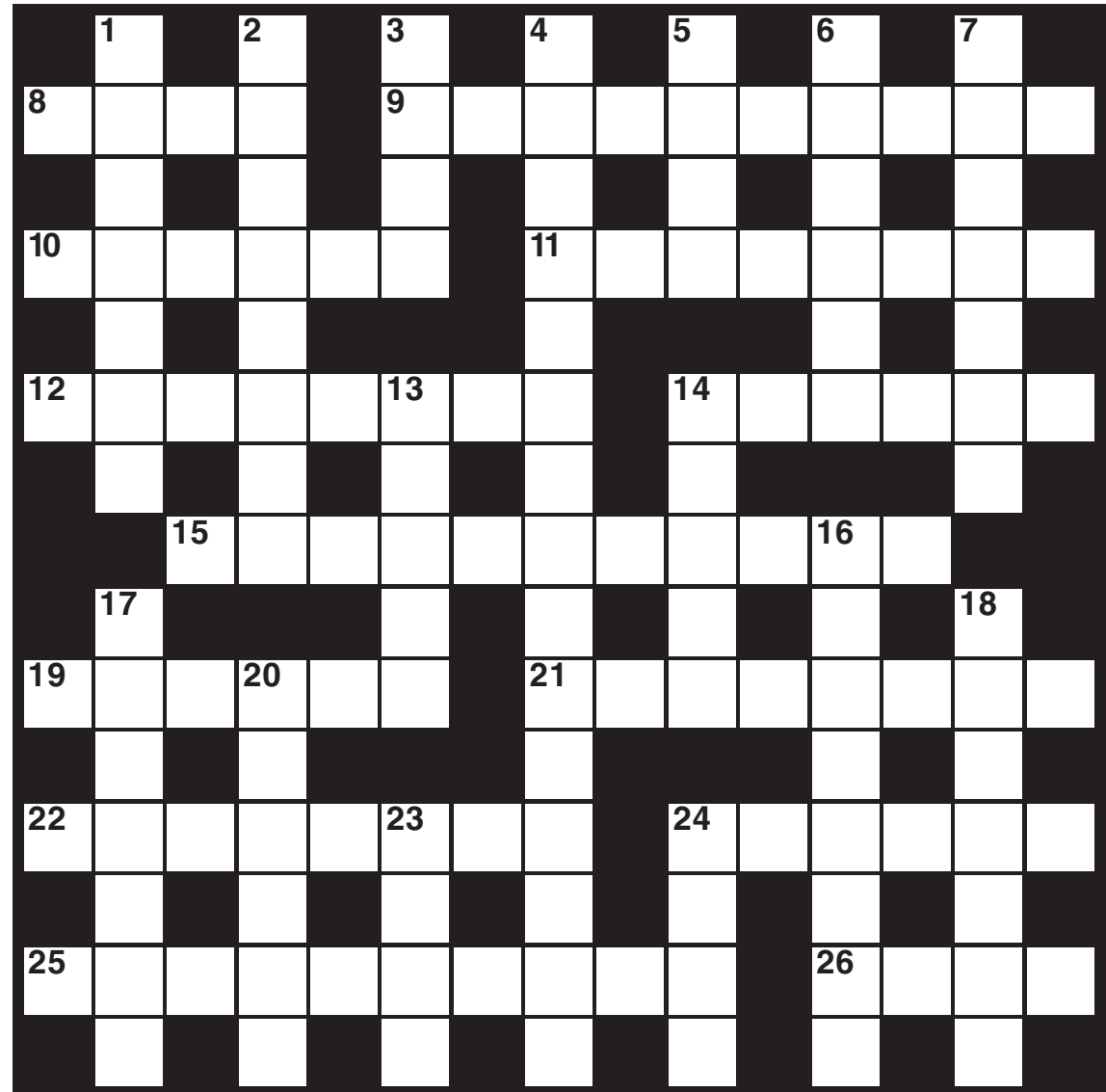


ACROSS

- 8 Reported contribution of US singer (4)
- 9 Potentially lethal occasion, permanently (3,3,4)
- 10 Group of trees surrounds round furrow (6)
- 11 Laugh at free one (strange clue) (8)
- 12 American collapses privately (2,6)
- 14 Next to the other song on a single, say (6)
- 15 Little pet to stay with cult? (5,6)
- 19 At home, yet heard to drive home (6)
- 21 Puts out and broadcasts on a higher level (8)
- 22 Farm vehicle reversed into convertible, given grip on tyre (8)
- 24 Jettison a French boy? Nothing to hide (6)
- 25 Dave's tried desperately to get promoted (10)
- 26 Land lies in ruins (4)

DOWN

- 1 Rationing, where shilling going fast (7)
- 2 Superior skill involving organ transplant (8)
- 3 Summon servant (4)
- 4 Playing false, suitor isn't showing enticing behaviour (15)
- 5 Man's country (4)
- 6 Heaps horse riding equipment in ship (6)
- 7 Collapse that is restricting old PM, perhaps (7)
- 13 Do well for forty in Rome, it's said (5)
- 14 Barnabas, essentially, holds foundations (5)
- 16 Religious type wanting tea without milk or sugar? (8)



- 17 After popular time, vulgar to encroach (7)
- 18 Claret spilt on end of tie, sticky stuff (7)
- 20 Travel permit discovered in Atlantic ketch (6)
- 23 Greek character in Odyssey, trouncing army leaders (4)
- 24 Preserved by our Dutch language (4)