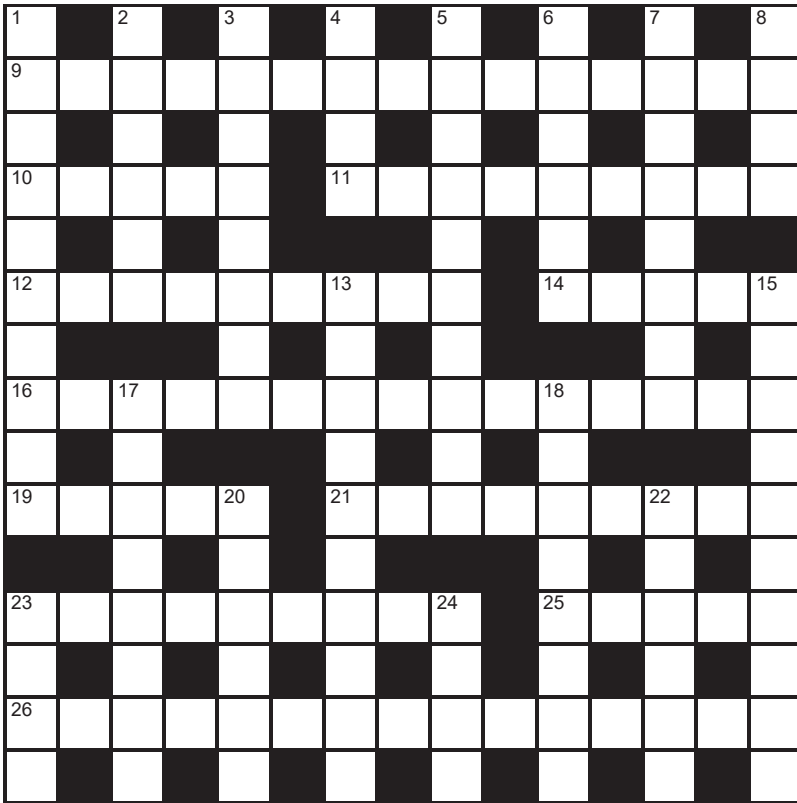


# CROSSWORD No 17,936 by STEERPIKE



## ACROSS

- 9 Threat MOD resolved; essentially mustering choppers bristling with firepower (5,2,3,5)
- 10 Lacking confidence initially, doctor takes drug for tremor (5)
- 11 Hound boy about bloke carrying a note (9)
- 12 Very deep lines regularly scratched around edges of enormous lenses (9)
- 14 Ill-mannered creatures drink on Sabbath (5)
- 16 Instantly had proof that tea is liquid (2,3,4,2,1,3)
- 19 Dismiss court after judge breaks teen's heart (5)
- 21 Phosphorus found in strata by extremely outspoken dilettante (9)
- 23 Tree Zulu planted in burial ground with tips from naturalist (6,3)
- 25 Taken aback by spectacular ocean invertebrate (5)
- 26 Occasionally working with EU, Colombian criminal tours Spain and Norway (4,2,1,4,4)

## DOWN

- 1 Affected drama queens boycotting knight's ball (10)
- 2 Exposed spots penetrated by a spear (6)
- 3 Towering English football team fuel international mania (4,4)
- 4 Relation born on first of December (4)
- 5 Thought Polish botched operation on borders of Hungary (10)
- 6 Data about ordinary mammals (6)
- 7 Attractive person defending wrongdoing? That's atrocious! (8)
- 8 Avoid being seen in garish uniform (4)
- 13 American song popular in surrounding area (10)
- 15 Involving pastime sustains chap giving up golf (10)
- 17 Two-thirds of reference work about European alcohol (3,5)
- 18 Artisan allowed revolutionary to be captured by French (8)
- 20 In mounted painting, discovered colourful minutiae (6)
- 22 Endlessly type line in gloom (6)
- 23 Low, bass, rolling sound (4)
- 24 Contest charge or tip (4)

Solution 17,935



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