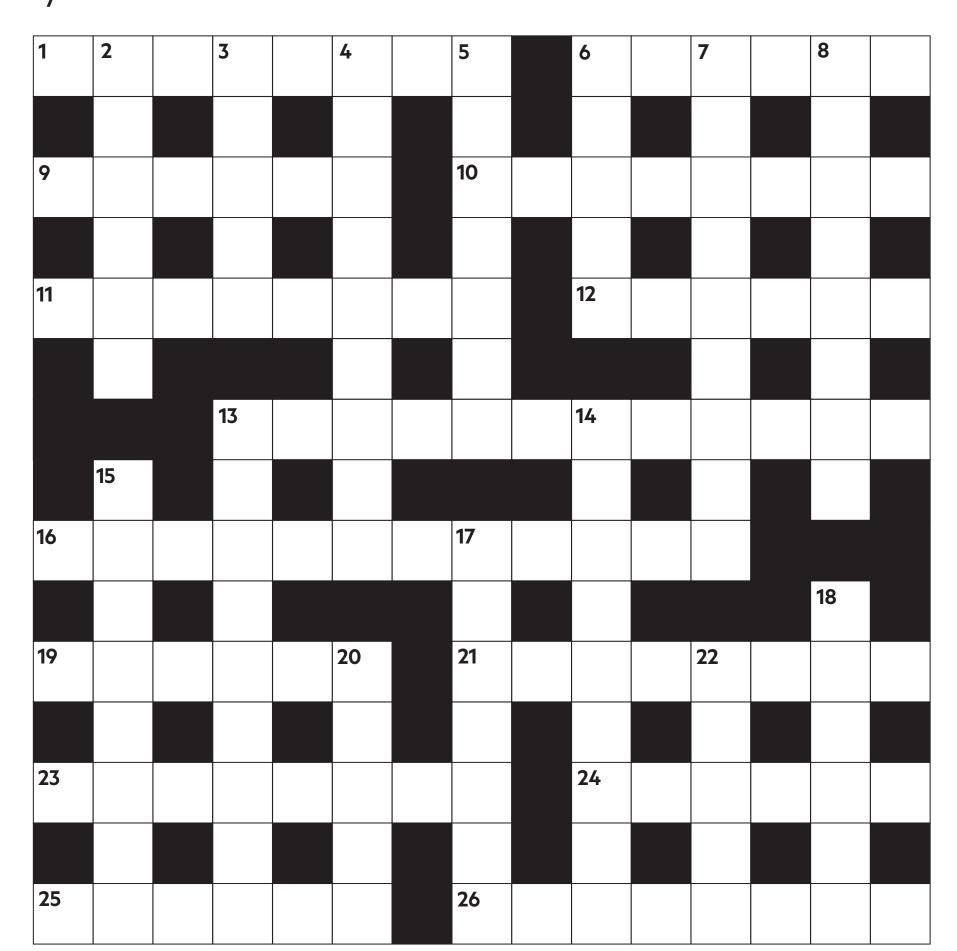
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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- **1** Bird which creates murmurations (8)
- 6 Receive, take in (6)
- **9** Salted party snack (6)
- 10 Genetic change (8)
- 11 Non-commissioned officer (8)
- **12** Not unusual (6)
- 13 Dean's clerical title (4, 8)
- **16** Chronically poor diet (12)
- 19 Cruel person (6)
- 21 Evangelist, religious speaker(8)
- 23 Dissolute (8)
- **24** Live-in help (2, 4)
- **25** Run naked (6)
- 26 Without a sound (8)

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DOWN

- 2 TV times both mixed up, initially, including programme's end (3, 3)
- **3** Period of preparation for climb (3, 2)
- **4** Make sense of complicated pattern, ie right getting rid of first character (9)
- **5** To walk in Grampians' rugged peaks is better (7)
- **6** Mix sauce in it— I use missing caper (5)
- **7** Vessel is able to go round a West Country river (9)
- 8 Thorough expert made a discovery (8)
- **13** Air talent I've cultivated (9)
- **14** Message facility or live broadcast with a mic that's not right (9)
- **15** Cat, perhaps, swallows a degenerate bird (8)
- **17** Incentive for composing suite about politician (7)
- **18** Friendly info for one overseeing a learner (6)

the oven (5)

- **20** Adjust bottom of light that's faint (5)
- faint (5)
 22 Before cooking, cover bird for