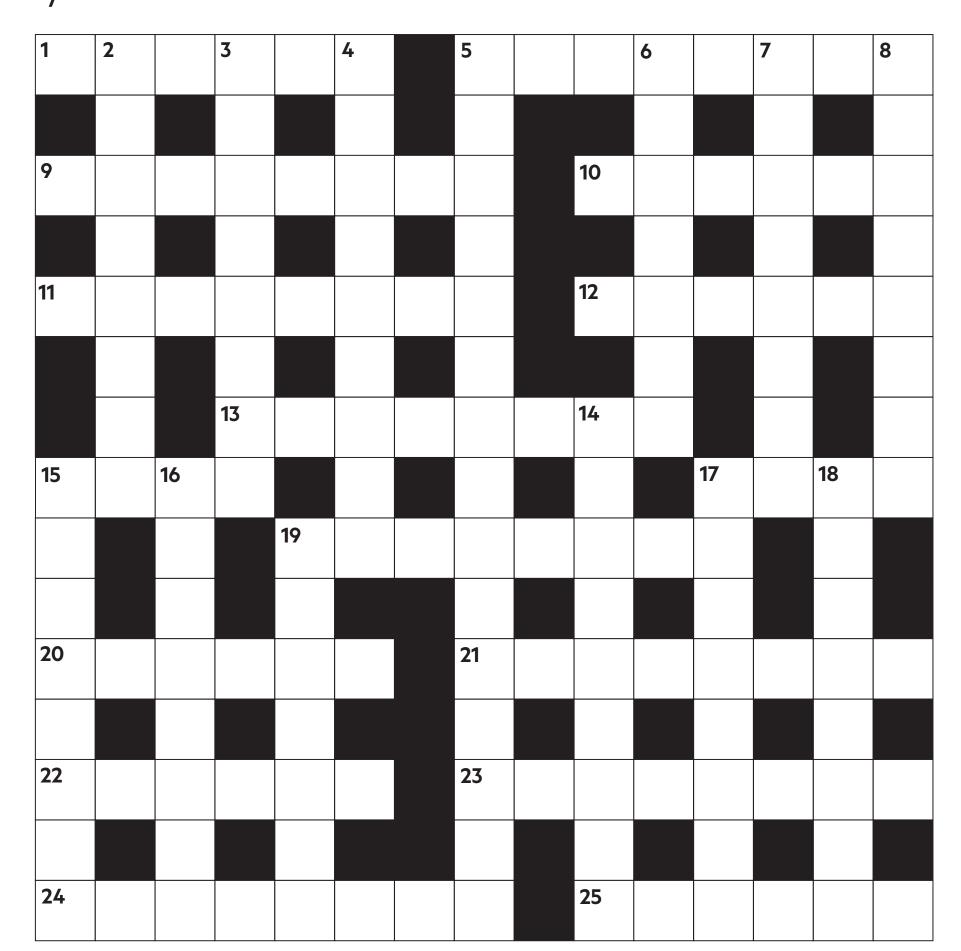
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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 1 Social outcast, oddball (6)
- 5 Small coffee (8)
- 9 Strongest (8)
- 10 Run quickly (6)
- 11 Soldiers' lodgings (8)
- **12** Extreme shortage of food (6)
- **13** Sicken (8)
- **15** Rim, lip (4)
- 17 Military force (4)
- **19** Competitor, rival (8)
- 20 Possessions of value (6)
- 21 Theatrical (8)
- 22 Wry, sardonic (6)
- 23 Goal, aim (8)
- 24 Speculate, conjecture (8)
- 25 Means of entry (6)

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DOWN

- 2 Solitary duck among teals I'd disturbed (8)
- 3 Illustration with wee statuette(8)
- **4** Meters put out for what remains of a plane, perhaps (4, 5)
- **5** Friendly agreement put up in centre, note, is amended with energy (7, 8)
- **6** Substitute corded cloth with fine fabric (7)
- **7** Weapon for destroying racism overcomes it (8)
- 8 New yacht's too broken without cost in transit (2, 3, 3)
- **14** Country's awfully big heat around morning (3, 6)
- **15** Set out without headgear one's avoiding reality (8)
- **16** Jasper, perhaps, somehow gets me working inside (8)
- 17 Ocean caper after a lieutenant capsized (8)
- **18** Rebellious Greek character's into changing us (8)
- **19** Remote item to be found in organised tour (7)