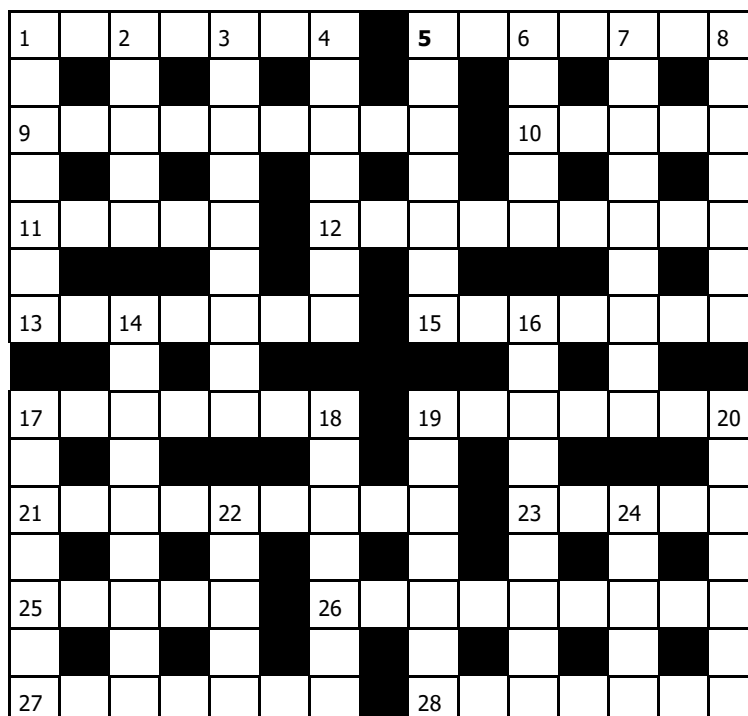


Crosswords

In these sample crosswords:

- The '/' indicates where the clue splits between the definition and the cryptic part.
- Words in italics are important indicators of the kind of clue it is or tell you that you must do something.
- Words in bold are not quite what they seem at first sight.
- Within the [] at the end of each clue are words which tell you what kind of clue it is, or what elements go into it. You can use these to refer to the Crossword Guide.

Crossword One



Across

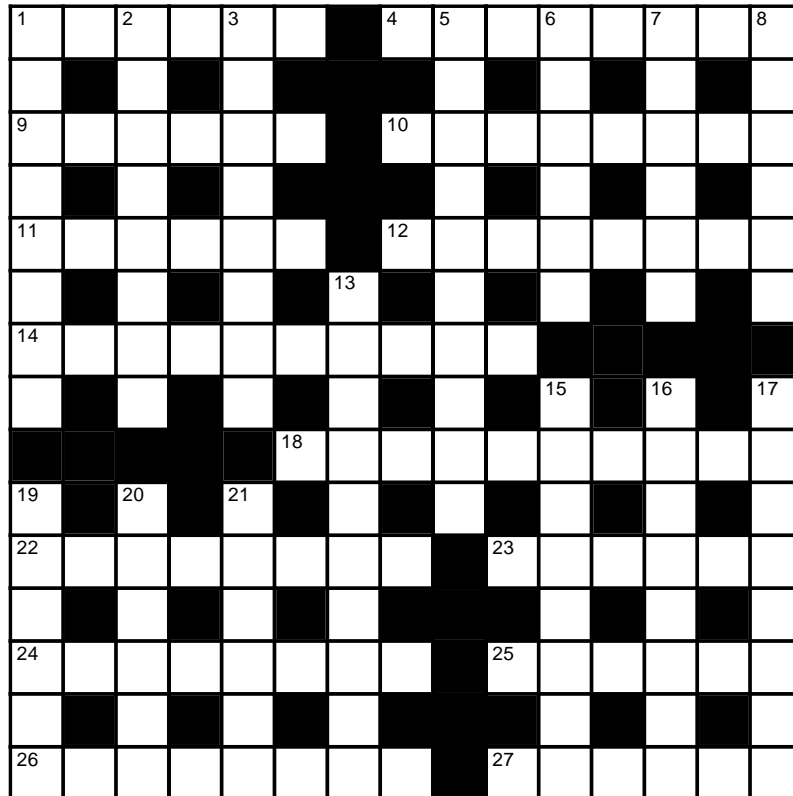
- 1** Going all over the place *topless* -/ slowly (7) [removal]
5 Funny man/ who's erect (5-2) [double definition]
9 Ring hero/ with *jumble* (i.e. Fridges) (9) [Reference, anagram]
10 Press *agitated* for /pensions (5) [Anagram]
11 Lowest/ *form* of drain (5) [anagram]
12 *Almost* boot out - unpleasant female revolutionary - /though untouchable (6,3) [removal, charade]
13 **Capital-ist**/ with two body parts, *by the sound of it* (7) [pun, charade, homophone]
15 Deliberate ignorance/ of French - article - from lack of nerve (4,3) [charade]
17 A for Bimbo? (7) [Pure cryptic]

- 19 Panaceas – *not a - recipe for/* party snacks (7) [removal, anagram]
- 21 Superior/ children **on grass?** (4,5) [pun]
- 23 See two fathers *about - a little* money, / that's plain (5) [elements, initial]
- 25 *Half* rear-mounted/ get new weapon (5) [removal]
- 26 Buttocks - insubstantial /illumination (4-5) [charade]
- 27 Antacid/ for colonist (7) [double definition]
- 28 Dietary discipline/ *needed to roger anus? Queen fled!* (2,5) [removal, abbreviation, anagram]

Down

- 1 Artist *rises - since manufacturing /poison* (7) [abbreviation, reversal, anagram, charade]
- 2 Money for food (5) [double definition]
- 3 Fashionable - picket *conceals* queen –/ or so I gather (9) [charade, word-in-word, abbreviation]
- 4 Deny/ agreement *following* wins (7) [charade]
- 5 Carried/ French noble *covered in* spunk (7) [word-in-word]
- 6 I'll *say/* it's narrow! (5) [homophone]
- 7 Where there's **muck** there's brass – not! (4,5) [pun]
- 8 After 1945/when the Royal Mail got raw materials (4-3) [charade, anagram]
- 14 Actor /with car *above flying* gantry (4,5) [charade, anagram]
- 16 US city -/ the first – north - of plains *dotted - around* Ohio (9) [charade, letter, abbreviation, anagram]
- 17 Sticks/ here *during* commercial breaks (7) [insert]
- 18 Medic – following/one who writes first version (7) [abbreviation, charade]
- 19 Cousin Harry *shortly - to travel on/* break (7) [initial, anagram]
- 20 One into shit gives cause to fly (7) [double definition]
- 22 Beast / arrived – late (5) [charade, initial]
- 24 Many *start - being awestruck /by* giant (5) [initial, charade]

Crossword Two



Across

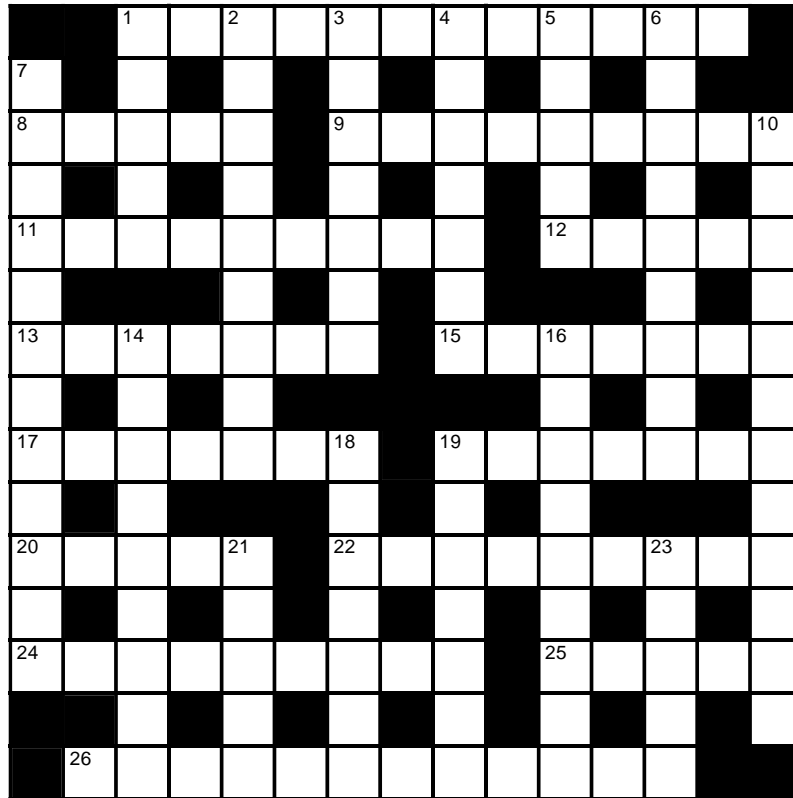
- 1** Available, /though answering the phone (2,4) [double definition]
- 4** What the murderer used to see/ – a gay pub (5,3) [double definition]
- 9** The *Northern* - out-of-practice/ long-term prisoner (6) [accent, charade]
- 10** Orlando and I *split up* – /it's so dead (4-4) [anagram, reference]
- 11** Penetrate,/ though flaccid *over sex at first* (6) [initial in word]
- 12** Choke? Doubly so! (8) [double definition]
- 14** Worker – nearby/ for some fighting (4-2-4) [charade]
- 18** One preceding monarch,/ who *follows* spice and animal (4-6) [abbreviation, charade]
- 22** Litmus paper as proof of genuineness? (4,4) [double definition/reference]
- 23** A number *in* fabric are even-tempered (6) [insert, initial]
- 24** African **water-stopper**/ like stick *turning* parent *over* (8) [charade, reversal]
- 25** *Noisy* heterosexual /in the passage (6) [homophone]
- 26** Owing/ to their end, *dissolved* (2,3,3) [anagram]
- 27** What a fast driver might need /- throbbing dick! (3,3) [double definition/pun]

Down

- 1** Unquestionable/part of Gay Lib? (8) [double definition/pun]
- 2** Looking for sex/ on the river (8) [double definition]
- 3** It's educated/ to dissemble *about* treat *in store* (8) [insert, anagram]
- 5** Run hotline *to find* /spoiler of **big game** (4-6) [anagram]

- 6 Incentive /against vehicle corrosion (6) [charade]
- 7 Virgin/ is pursued *noisily* (6) [homophone]
- 8 Audible instruction about cracker chicken (6) [Pun/homophone]
- 13 Miser/ wanting inexpensive fish (9) [charade]
- 15 I'll eat of *scraps*? That's a **blow**! (8) [anagram]
- 16 Furniture for marine with tea *in* song (8) [insert, abbreviation, charade]
- 17 Preyed, but that/ was earlier (8) [double definition]
- 19 A West African country *about* to become/ another one (6) [Abbreviation, insert]
- 20 Pest with *shaved* /idiot (6) [charade, removal]
- 21 **Laurel's** *heard* to have /attitude (6) [homophone, reference]

Crossword Three



Across

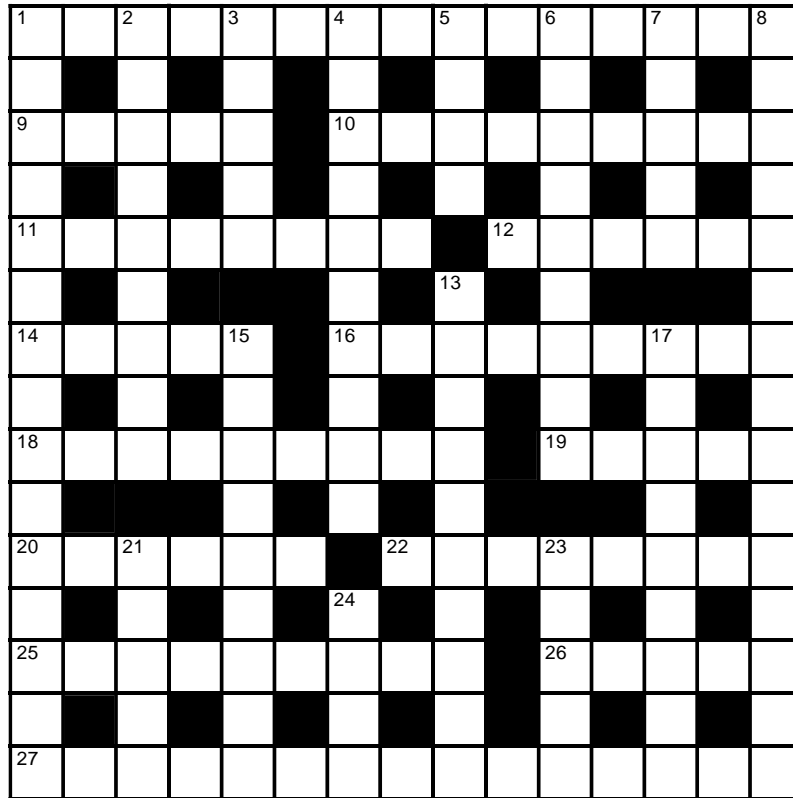
- 1** Jay with jam *recipe in parcel on/ top* (6,6) [anagram, insertion]
- 8** WAGs/ married *after speed merchant* (5) [charade, abbreviation]
- 9** **Nags in order/** to get what far right parties play (4-5) [double definition]
- 11** Was successful,/ but lost consciousness (6,3) [double definition]
- 12** Culture/ found in stethoscopes (5) [hidden]
- 13** Frame /Charles and little sister (7) [charade]
- 15** Practicality/ of Mailer's *novel* (7) [anagram]
- 17** Performance -/ I've seen it! Amazing *in parts, looking back* (7) [hidden, reversal]
- 19** They came from 10, /very quiet, *about to play mutes* (7) [abbreviation, insertion, anagram]
- 20** A girl goes /wrong (5) [charade]
- 22** Legatee, *I hear,/ is sought on holiday* (3,3,3) [homophone]
- 24** Whatever you want,/ solver finds *crazy inmate* (3,4,2) [charade, anagram]
- 25** Somerset town/ twinned with French capital (5) [charade, abbreviation]
- 26** Dior, perhaps, searched *out right /personal stimulant* (8,4) [charade, insertion, abbreviation]

Down

- 1** Band *turned over /some places* (5) [reversal]
- 2** 19 creator,/ *fucked hen - no jism* (3,6) [anagram]

- 3** Abandons /fireworks (7) [double definition]
- 4** Sailor/ to lift sticky stuff (4,3) [charade]
- 5** Money? *I hear/* it's hidden (5) [homophone]
- 6** Safety device/made from soil and cable (9) [charade]
- 7** A load of 4s, /reserved *about* showing pics *to order* and face (5,7) [insertion, anagram, charade]
- 10** 19's series/ with some seed - Corrie? (6,6) [charade, reference]
- 14** Characteristic/ at memorial (9) [charade]
- 16** *Make* plainer if /a tree (6,3) [anagram]
- 18** Drug's behind/ oriental (7) [abbreviation, charade]
- 19** Where to find reverend (one *left*)? (7) [removal, whole clue definition]
- 21** Compiler **crawled**? *The other way around,* master (5) [word rearrangement]
- 23** In/ *most of* a gnome's *digestion* (5) [anagram, removal]

Crossword Four: Theme - Give Yourself Airst



*The clues marked * give answers of the same kind*

Across

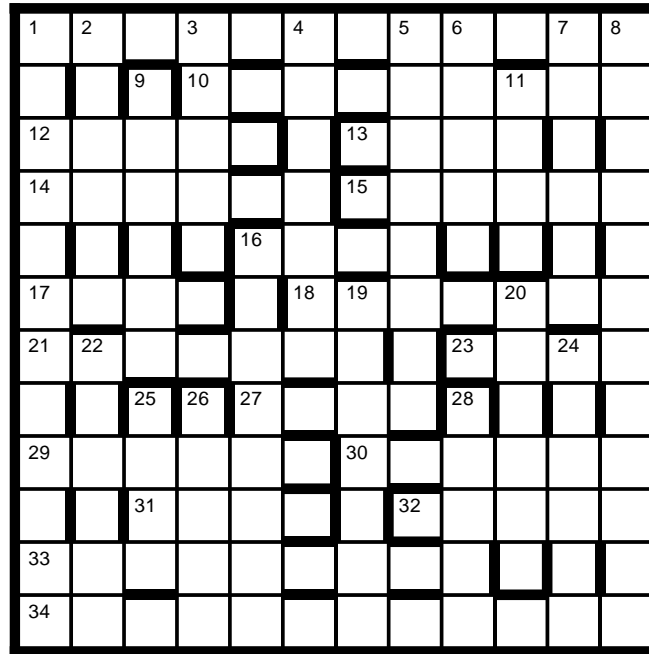
- 1** *Watery offering/, most half-hearted *version* (3,6,6) [anagram]
- 9** Cook *swallowed* one giving/ head (5) [insertion]
- 10** Giving head/ descending (5,4) [double definition]
- 11** *Van der Valk used Park/ for a sort of grill? (3,5) [double definition]
- 12** *Young offering/ of existential question (3,2,1) [double definition]
- 14** * *Taking* a rest from /watery offering (5)
- 16** Censored/ journalist *stands by* one tipster *being probed by* another (6,3) [charade, insertion]
- 18** Surprise events/ - cat food's good to chew (4,2,3) [abbrev. Anagram]
- 19** *Some* tissue destroyed - /they worked with the theme (5) [hidden]
- 20** Crowd's top/ bonnet (3,3) [charade]
- 22** *Dresser offering/ glam *layout over* a point (2,3,3) [anagram, insertion]
- 25** Calculator/ is top in the Home Counties to order (5,4) [insertion, charade, abbreviation]
- 26** Compiler shows all points *about* /**joiner** (5) [abbreviations, insertion]
- 27** *Cliff offering /to *throw* turncoats in gaol (15) [anagram]

Down

- 1** Catching right breast in mouth, **noted** arrangement/of 11, for example (10,5) [charade, insertion]
- 2** Ignore /a parade (5,4) [double definition]

- 3** *Black offering/ to a novice? Shame! (5) [charade, abbreviation]
- 4** *Evelyn offering/ is out of it on E (4,6) [charade, abbreviation]
- 5** *Draw off no head from/ offering the other side of Paperback Writer (4)
- 6** Say hello to rats /in **elevators** (4,5) [homophone, charade]
- 7** **Low** life's first article for/ money (5) [charade]
- 8** *Frank and Collins offering/ of ringmaster's instruction (4,2,3,6) [double definition]
- 13** Add my email *sent over* for/ lunch (6,4) [anagram]
- 15** Propagandist /and prophet *overtake* hybrid fruit inventor (9) [insertion]
- 17** Becomes freer, /though imprisoned, *hiding* crime, *in* spectacles (5,4) [double insertion]
- 21** His movie life/ showed brain *surgery* (5) [anagram]
- 23** Thus fixed on /property (5) [charade]
- 24** *Crisp actor/ is Cash offering (4) [reference, double definition]

Crossword Five



*Bar grids have the advantage of offering many cross-checks, which helps with difficult words
* Illustrates the tendency for Bar Grids to use obscure or slightly forced words*

Across

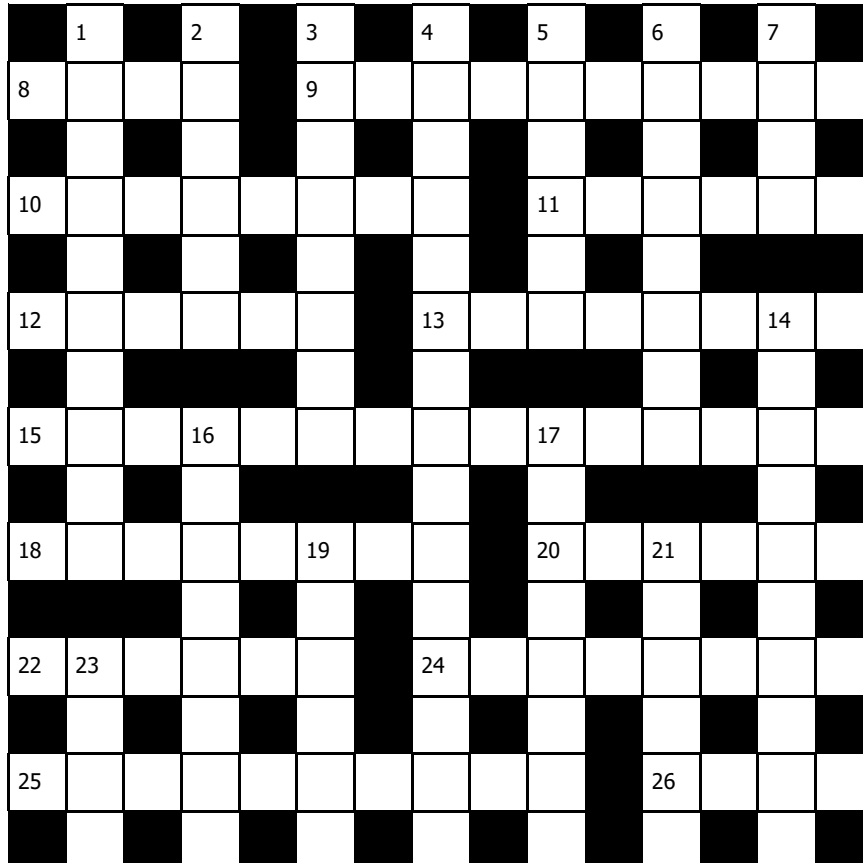
- 1** Grill underground child, / who's grown under glass (4-4,4) [charade]
- 10** Beast served with plates? (9) [pun, pure cryptic]
- 12** Happen/ *even* to hot cock up R. (5) [individual letters]
- 13** Sack, /put to the flame (4) [double definition]
- 14** Frankfurter, /from other German-speaking city (6) [double definition]
- 15** Channel/ or street one's *found in*, bastard (6) [charade, abbreviation, insertion]
- 16** Stable three /finding silver *in the middle of* the motorway (4) [abbreviation, insertion]
- 17** Long to be *cut off* for /a time (4) [removal]
- 18** Homing's *difficult* when, like, a short person (7) [anagram, punctuation]
- 21** **Swimmer**/ guy with a golf accessory (7) [charade]
- 23** *Some* asbestos located in/ the capital! (4) [hidden]
- 27** Cars *crash* /on curves (4) [anagram]
- 29** Formula/ for poem queen *returned* (6) [abbreviation, reversal]
- 30** *Return some* items I knitted / a lot (6) [reversal, hidden]
- 31** *Delightful sounds, / *even* from galoshes (4) [individual letters]
- 32** It's invested/ in geese *mostly flying round* one (5) [removal, anagram, individual letter]
- 33** Openly gay day for being /superior at sport (3-6) [charade, reference]
- 34** Sees reverends *slyly* showing /reticence (12) [anagram]

Down

- 1** Spy glass/ showing some streets and paper (3-3,6) [charade, reference]

- 2** Cut out/ duty (6) [double definition]
- 3** Bait /for the first relative (5) [individual letter, charade]
- 4** Offence to grab emu *violently* (7) [anagram]
- 5** To cut the first *raised* small/issues (8) [charade, reversal, abbreviation]
- 6** *Twice *about*, *twice* right and south to find/ Ethiopian money (5) [insertion, abbreviations]
- 7** **Chinese* intellectuals'/ swellings (6) [Accent]
- 8** Solver *with* the sloths *turning* to/ lairs for the under-aged (5,7) [charade+ anagram + crossword language]
- 9** **Cold caller** /with a mince, *unfortunately* (6) [anagram]
- 11** Clue for star (4) [double definition]
- 16** Figure / *might come to* harm poet (8) [anagram]
- 19** Kiss equal with/ kipper, maybe (7)
- 20** *Compound with different forms/a number *hiding in* the Tax Office (6) [insertion, abbreviation]
- 22** A stage in/ the street (6) [charade]
- 24** *Goalie gestured to *some* superiors (6) [hidden]
- 25** Tax /*not a* racecourse (4) [removal]
- 26** Girl of stone *fracturing* one bone (5) [reference, anagram]
- 28** Churchill's derisive gesture? (1-4) [reference, double definition]

Crossword Six



Across

- 8** Work *back and forth* (on)/the deck (4) [abbrev., reverse, charade]
- 9** Flower crushes/the gay economy (4,6) [charade]
- 10** Poster guards/counsellors (8) [abbrev., charade]
- 11** See 22
- 12** She/was big in World War One (6) [charade, allusion]
- 13** Total in the Home Counties; little man/made miserable [abbrev., word in word, charade]
- 15** Elusive/footwear, say, *backed* by a TV hippie, *say* (8,2,2,3) [charade, reverse, homophone, ref.]
- 18** With salad dressing/top of salad needs little work (5-3) [letter, charade]
- 20** Put cover *over* one politician, that's/clear (6) [abbrev. in word]
- 22** A chorus of approval (3,3,1,5,4,6,3,2,3,3,2,2) [pun]
- 24** The holder's/ love is unable *to seize* the prize (8) [abbrev., word in word]
- 25** Trump nothing for/ funny fowl (6,4) [Ref., charade]
- 26** They're taken at a rave, *I hear*, at leisure (4) [homophone]

Down

- 1** See 11
- 2** Hurry/(to see) small print (6) [letter, charade]
- 3** ETAD OT! (2-2-4) [pure cryptic]

- 4** See 11
- 5** At university a minor is/ rising (6) [charade]
- 6** Continental/vegetable *found in parts of* Rouen (8) [word in anag.]
- 7** *Lazy-sounding* /god (4) [homophone]
- 14** *Say*, I see! (3-7) [homophone, whole clue def.]
- 16** End of beach attraction/ where coronet might be found, *I hear* (4,4)
- 17** Sodium sulphate /(for the) sailor's tea? (4-4) [pun, charade]
- 19** Supportive/and upfront, within the rules [Double def., ref.]
- 21** Wipe favourite/child (6) [charade]
- 23** *Some* Romeo bounces *back* /(with) wind (4) [hidden, reverse]