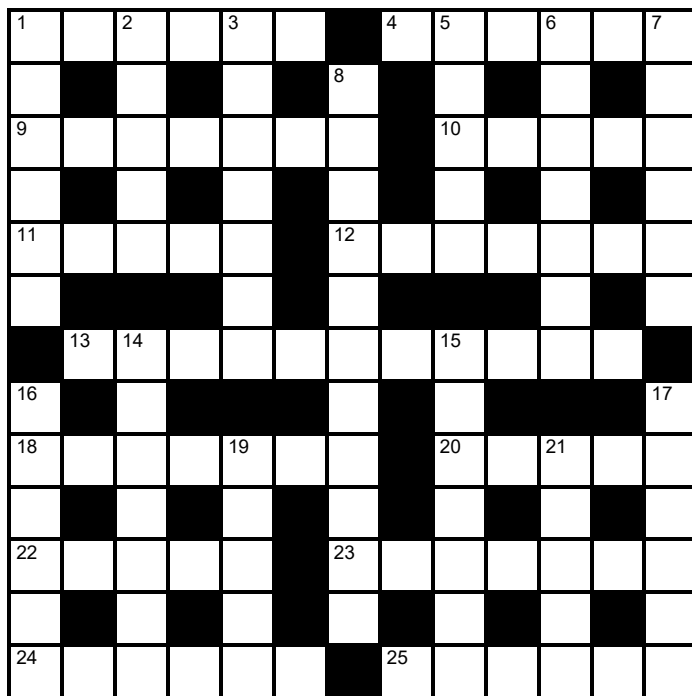




Across

- 1 Lead writer (6)
- 4 Pursues husband in court actions (6)
- 9 Out of the running, but won coming back here (7)
- 10 Go on holiday (5)
- 11 Loves an anagram to decipher (5)
- 12 Helicopter gets the axe (7)
- 13 Independent publication on island race shows creativity (11)
- 18 Proposal for a chimney is rejected (7)
- 20 First class dinner with no starter (5)
- 22 Choose to have a party before training (5)
- 23 Blow a fuse on an excursion? (4,3)
- 24 Disheartened female embraced by father (6)
- 25 Combat tendency to squeeze escort (6)

Down

- 1 Parking at University's hard to beat? (6)
- 2 Up-to-date with the Spanish post (5)
- 3 Main hazard with lettuce? (7)
- 5 That's a surprise greeting (5)
- 6 Common fizz for Barnet cleaner (7)
- 7 Drink with German man in outskirts of Surrey (6)
- 8 Children parachute with soldiers (11)
- 14 Copies tabloids? (7)
- 15 Somehow outstrip endless sightseer (7)
- 16 Frightened by a loud rifle (6)
- 17 Spoke about how some products are treated for VAT? (6)
- 19 Loose article rejected by BBC (5)
- 21 Those in favour of eastern writing (5)