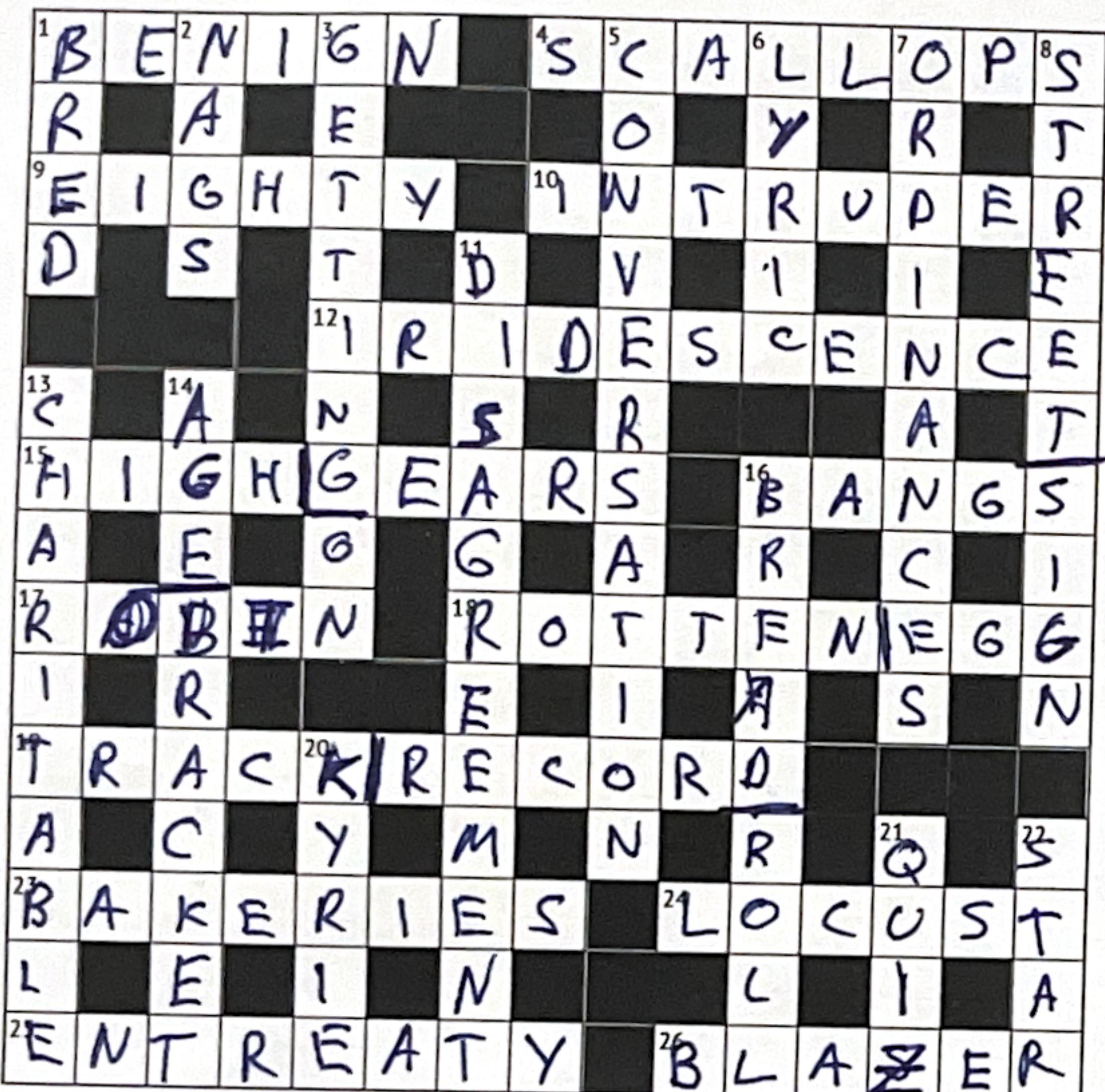


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Wednesday, December 25, 2024

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ACROSS

- 1 Harmless binge, fresh and new (6)
 - 2 Son phones outside work for seafood (8)
 - 3 Head off significant number (6)
 - 4 At home last night took on less polite trespasser (8)
 - 5 New scenic ride: note rainbow effect (11)
 - 6 Spooner's bloke picks up fourth and fifth when driving (4,5)
 - 7 Disallow netballer's fringe (5)
 - 8 Nick seen with fashionable bird (5)
 - 9 It stinks to be the last one in? (6,3)
 - 10 Song cut from previous performance (5,6)
 - 11 Boy with sign outside knew odd places to buy 16-down (8)
 - 12 Insect confused, biting copper (6)
 - 13 Removes one from total then puts in a request (8)
 - 14 Relax in brown jacket (6)
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DOWN

- ~~1~~ Raised money, as discussed (4)
- ~~2~~ Pesters horses (4)
- ~~3~~ Old and managing (7,2)
- ~~4~~ Chat at boring redevelopment (12)
- ~~5~~ Sample early Richards' line from song (5)
- ~~6~~ Edicts consider an amendment (10)
- ~~7~~ Wild tigers sent one way, perhaps (6,4)
- ~~8~~ Heard to criticise a few blokes in address dispute (12)
- ~~9~~ Generous Rachel a bit unpredictable (10)
- ~~10~~ South Coast town put up with noise from 21 to 25 year olds, perhaps (3,7)
- ~~11~~ Sadly, bald role encompasses first removing bun (5,4)
- ~~12~~ Minogue swaps hands for Latin prayer (5)
- ~~13~~ Look to deflect initial question (4)
- ~~14~~ Nearly kick off big name (4)