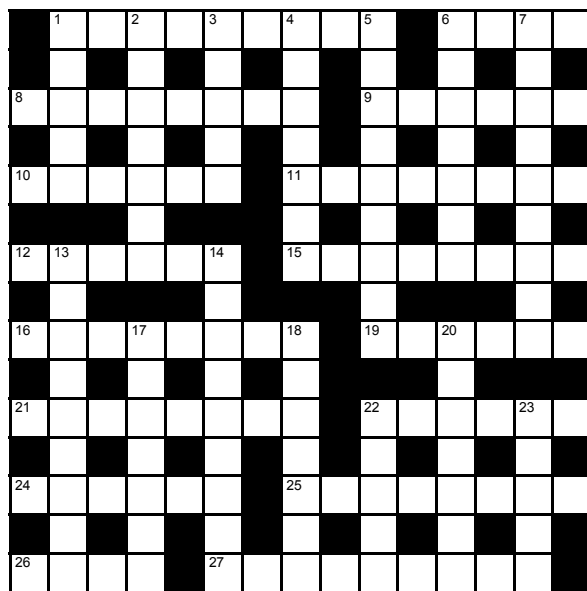


Across

- 1 Mr Average puts energy into task, and 'Good' is put into records (3,6)
- 6 Food jammed but primary school excluded (4)
- 8 Area marred regularly by very old rescue craft getting animal (8)
- 9 I not-half like Zimbabwe, the ultimate country (6)
- 10 Smoking crate loses height and goes missing (6)
- 11 Training of core comes before actual healing (8)
- 12 Drawer has cold fabric (6)
- 15 Small present - diamonds and clothes for winter (8)
- 16 Fog I had around me was inopportune (8)
- 19 Flue built around central furnace and burning (6)
- 21 Beside promotion, judge gets a bit of money (8)
- 22 Effluent is three quarters a grand environmental source (6)
- 24 Altogether one, not "about two by the sounds of it" (2,4)
- 25 Groups of commuters complain about loos (3,5)
- 26 Challenge unknown after ABC (4)
- 27 So many eye amazingly effortless profits (4,5)



- 14 The most important person is a weed, mostly (6,3)
- 17 It keeps pot, hot eats, and coy movements (3,4)
- 18 Picks up faults, replacing original flaws with time (7)
- 20 N-Nee, ek is net very very young (7)
- 22 Bolt jams and last became first (5)
- 23 Bird finally - finally! - finds donga (5)

Down

- 1 Pants from jumping exercise initially and cuts final repeats (5)
- 2 Tree lonely, discontented and old (7)
- 3 Meadow extremely foggy and full of trees (5)
- 4 Golf all right a respite till Scribante starts with small racing cars (2-5)
- 5 Lose interest and scoff with abandon (6,3)
- 6 Hit out and curtail 7 upcoming robbers (7)
- 7 Timidity of beast with a cider treatment (9)
- 13 God popular with Opposition? Nice, but one leaves desperate plea (4,5)