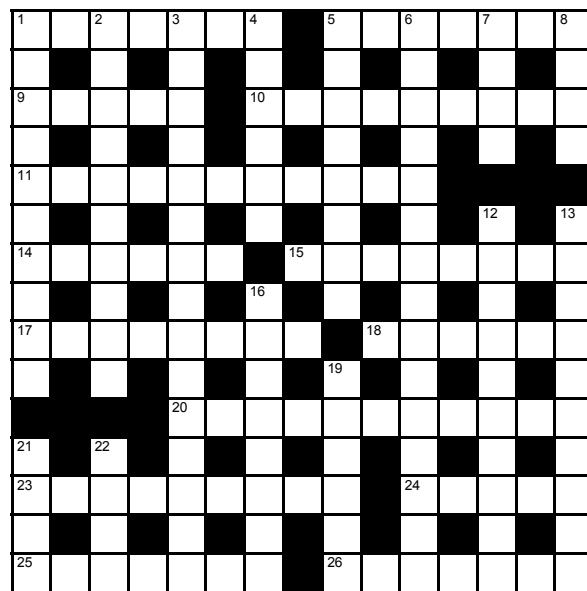


## Across

- 1 Processed pear Dad threw out (7)
- 5 Arrangement of locks - it protects top gadgets in vessel (7)
- 9 Lifts free on banks of estuaries (5)
- 10 I doze and nark irritated singer (5,4)
- 11 Fill time with time on our organised trip (7,4)
- 14 Connect with about fifty at first exhibition (6)
- 15 Father right to cut jargon (8)
- 17 It nourishes the spirit only, *speaking* to grub (4,4)
- 18 Smoke in backstreet hotel, area unknown, close to Alexandria (6)
- 20 Lend broken bed at last; what a surprise! (2,3,6)
- 23 Spice on one sausage (9)
- 24 British river loses height and salty water (5)
- 25 Amazing, it's same artist (7)
- 26 Heaters good? Uneasy "yes" - get rust now and again (7)



- 21 Uninvited communication starts social phobia and misgivings (4)
- 22 Drums up argument (4)

## Down

- 1 Translate 'average' - a sharp (difficult) opening exercise (10)
- 2 Spiritual teachings woman caught? In short, posh, lousy and stupid (10)
- 3 Unacceptability of last food is failure of state with endlessly sated head (15)
- 4 Sullen child raised to be ultimate geek (6)
- 5 Garden structures for each turn - large and also odd (8)
- 6 Enlarge legislature? (7,8)
- 7 Soon a name is superior to 'old'/'new' (4)
- 8 Game for strip club party (4)
- 12 A neutral label on one's leading electronic bug (10)
- 13 Rage about "Road less ...", ... anyway ... (10)
- 16 Unconscious moose has cat fiddling about (8)
- 19 Creeping abuse of batsmen? Not Sri Lanka (6)