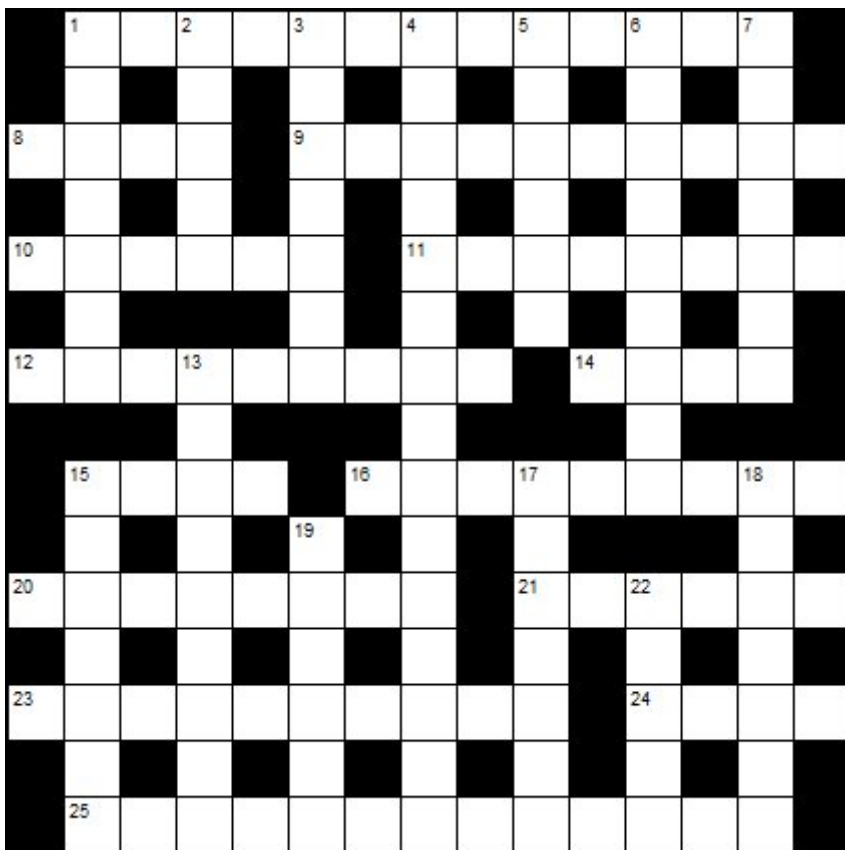


# Puzzle 2 by Bucko

There's a great deal of fun to be had from Bucko's second puzzle. The clues are witty and display a wealth of invention. My favourite is the hilarious 16 across, though 25 across also deserves a special mention.



## ACROSS

- 1 The paradoxical result of a well followed diet (3,3,7)
- 8 Such a bar stops the runs? (4)
- 9 Possibly opt for a very rich environment (7-3)
- 10 Disagree violently while backing out, being more keyed up (6)
- 11 Pain from getting up too quickly (3,5)
- 12 Temporarily dazzled as wife cracks elitist soprano (4-5)
- 14 Off piste I lost pace (4)
- 15 Satisfy next head for class (4)
- 16 Take-offs like this could land the flight crew in trouble! (9)
- 20 Rice product, say, for which boy leaves roasted brie and stilton (8)
- 21 Soldiers so withdrawn and traumatised they don't work (6)
- 23 Hopping about before recovering (10)
- 24 Empty after exotic vindaloo half wasted (4)
- 25 Taking no prisoners in Tierra del Fuego? (8,5)

## DOWN

- 1 Composer heard to have responded to pitch at home (7)
- 2 Information on the first person investigating origin of those like Mozart, Einstein and Picasso (5)
- 3 The main man? (7)

- 4 To incorrectly solve this is to demonstrate the solution correctly (5,10)
- 5 Early challengers half leapt up then agreed (6)
- 6 It stiffens chopper,. . . (3,6)
- 7 . . . erect in the north but disappointed! (5,2)
- 13 Game played in Malvern swimming pool? (5,4)
- 15 In order that prophet is exalted I will be locked up for after dark assignations (7)
- 17 English assembly that's seen on the beach (7)
- 18 Artist is to express contempt about a barren Renoir (7)
- 19 Stress free industrial action (6)
- 22 City lacks funds for organ (5)