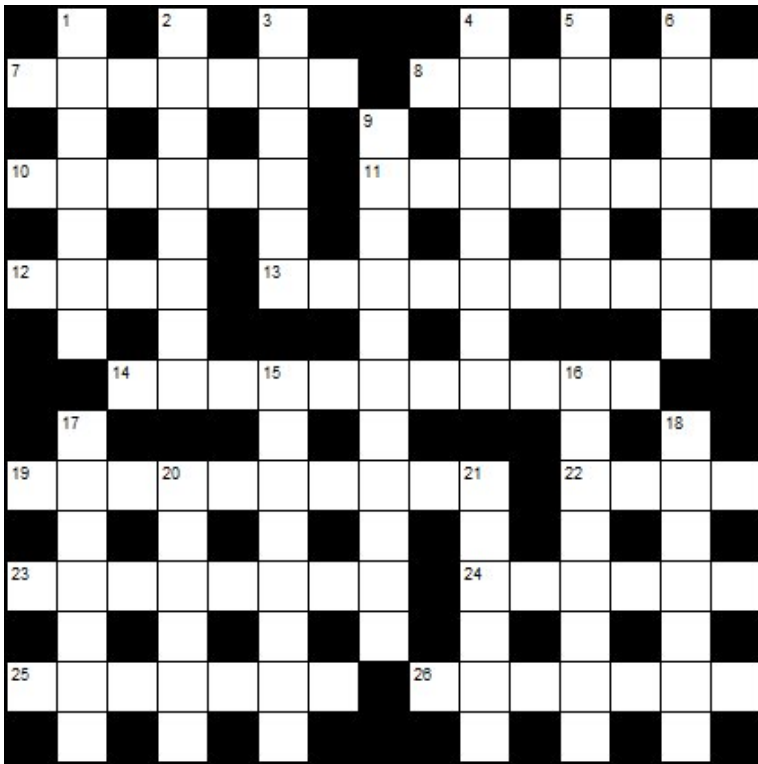


Puzzle by Christopher

This puzzle from Christopher, a new setter, has a theme in which several clues refer neatly to two key answers. It is good fun and I hope you enjoy solving it as much as I did. Favourite clue: 2 down.



ACROSS

- 7 Plot to grow fruit or vegetable (7)
- 8 Get back one who wanders around Mecca regularly (7)
- 10 Short fellow from 22 with part of a cooker? (6)
- 11 I shall endeavour, initially, to follow directions around 2's floating refuge, from where Miss Timmins went to Candleford in 22 (4,4)
- 12 Perhaps wormwood is back in the sabre hilt (4)
- 13 Minister joy from 22 of 2 (10)
- 14 Routed money the wrong way for 22 of 2 (11)
- 19 Party for an ultrasound scanner? (4,6)
- 22 Perhaps I will read this in a stream, but not a river (4)
- 23 Large section of 2 I found in 22 of maps showing a mythical land (8)
- 24 Sam due to be treated as a mythical character (6)
- 25 Regret awful flea bed (4,3)
- 26 No trace to turn in the one who carried it out (7)

DOWN

- 1 Soldier to report back about love (7)
- 2 Initially, twenty holy epistles belonged in Brother Luther's editions of this good 22 (3,5)
- 3 Creator of 22s is more dry in humour over time (6)
- 4 To make this fruity tart, put a part of the body and skin of fowl into pan (4,4)
- 5 Sleuth from 22s has most of a pear in Belgium, followed by a large portion of 2 (6)
- 6 Unwillingness without a translation of 2? (7)
- 9 22 is a clue for rev oil! (6,5)
- 15 Islander to catch the sun around Haiti, badly (8)
- 16 22 of what's taken when making fun about peculiar body (4,4)
- 17 22 of 2 is dull, cut (7)
- 18 Creator of 22s shows son and nephew of Abraham returning with ball, perhaps (7)
- 20 Wise, we hear, to host nobleman occasionally but regularly (6)
- 21 Poles follow travelling people in 22 of 2 (6)