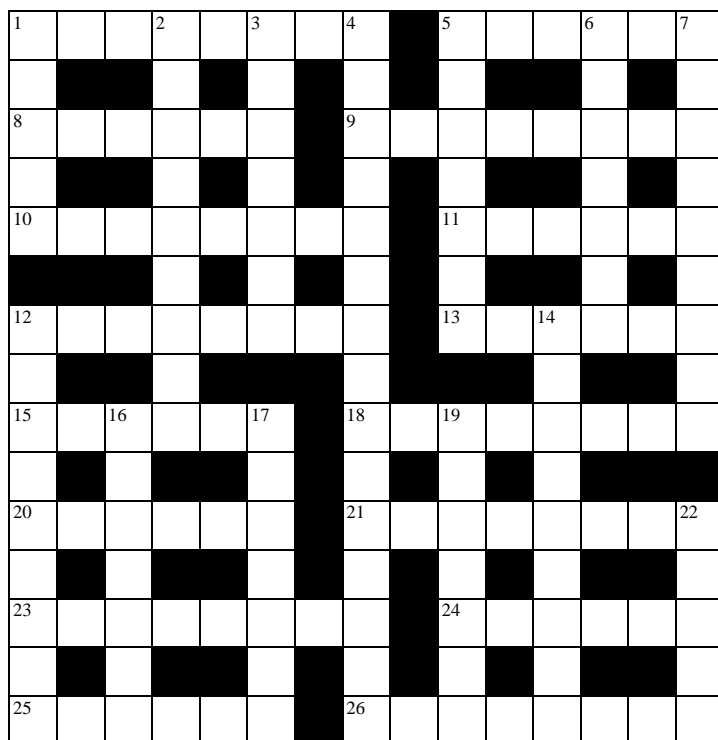


POYNTON u3a CROSSWORD PUZZLE No.54



ACROSS

1. Soothsayer protects a distant mariner (8)
5. Found and carted off (6)
8. Weighing up sailor (6)
9. Holds sails and backs cart onto weapons (8)
10. Very grand friend has a tail unfurled (8)
11. Recoups a large amount from which one can find a place in Sweden (6)
12. Renounce wars for Eastern worries (8)
13. Intimidate a so-called hero of Trojan wars (6)
15. Financial containers remove hundred savings (6)
18. Contrasted and hosted by the sound of it (8)
20. Had been diverted to unload vegetable (6)
21. Backs us with marks and keeps going (8)
23. Bolt or it must be undone to be consumed (8)
24. First class jewel is seen when opening up (6)
25. Replacing a hundred by five hundred in shade gives distress (6)
26. Irritates the south but is not necessary (8)

DOWN

1. The odds including wrecked vehicle will lead to this (5)
2. I caress mixture in iron dish (9)
3. Music to greet the arrival of the bin lorry? (7)
4. Timeless ancient city with a beast holding action seen on Coronation Day (5,10)
5. Sounds projected from one side to the other (7)
6. Fruit ran in short supply (7)
7. Some French were doubled up and became dejected (9)
12. Freddy sits on bottom bunk in the garden (6,3)
14. Fellow on arrival loses four to the shrubland (9)
16. Red leaf blown away by USA government for example (7)
17. Cover found initially from small houses, easy lets transforming each residence (7)
19. Dining room takes time to provide notice (7)
22. Sounds weary but heard measurement (5)