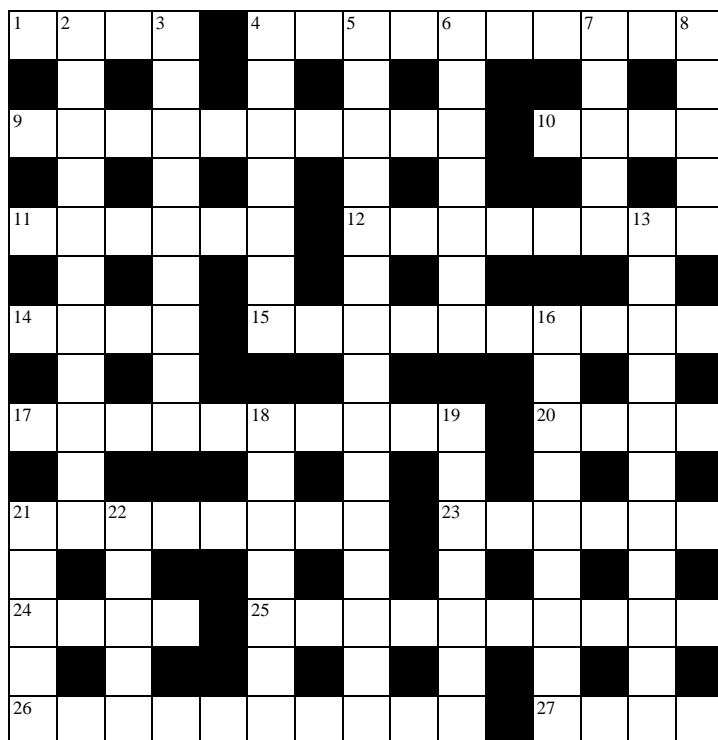


POYNTON u3a CROSSWORD PUZZLE No.59



ACROSS

1. Composer dropped in for a bite to eat (4)
4. Tailored suits come with alteration initially discussed (10)
9. Rugby player put away about data processing one to appease (10)
10. Final word is not quite correct (4)
11. Assume leading role at school: wield the axe! (6)
12. Female in metallic fabric, not good for ex (3,5)
14. Ring from Lima leaving greeting (4)
15. Slow to see accident as British capital drawn into fight (10)
17. Criminal given tail's finding group after him? (10)
20. Husband in peruke, a politician once (4)
21. Daily column includes a form of art (8)
23. Exact retribution for destruction of Geneva (6)
24. Oxygen absorbed by beer plant (4)
25. Pedant and stoic clash explosively (10)
26. Rule facing drivers left in M1 despite getting diverted (5,5)
27. My good man, regularly seen as a wise guy in famous films (4)

DOWN

2. Sauce ingredient, bay perhaps, I'd switched during outbreak (11)
3. Burst pipe blocked with old Argentinian meat (9)
4. Dodgy doctor ingesting drug for French department (4,3)
5. Blame the frost? He's upset about a Christmas bloom (4,2,9)
6. Late deliveries expected (7)
7. Bird no longer living on S American islands (5)
8. Slow learner caught dipping into sci-fi classic (5)
13. Doctor, cold, with Elvis and Charlie Parker producing flyer (11)
16. American territory that's just off 'The Needles'? (3,6)
18. Excitement of love in Laura's unexpected (7)
19. Red claret's drunk (7)
21. After tea, map makers cause havoc (5)
22. Make good from A to B for example (5)