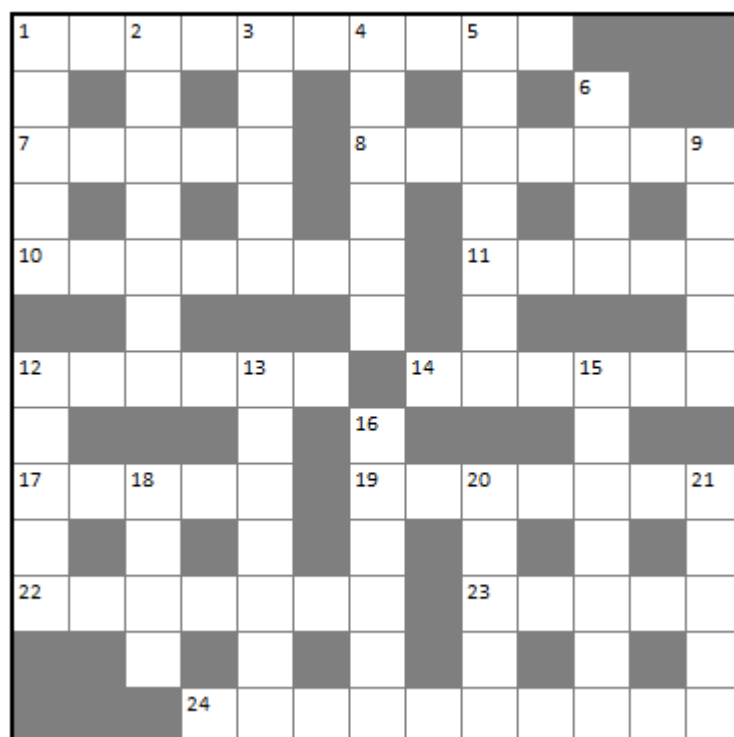


Crossword by Alan

No. 1



ACROSS

- 1 Lucky Rufus and I play with Otto (10)
- 7 Chifonie loses if I reform what is left for Noah's ancestor (5)
- 8 Not working yet, illiterate and unknown (7)
- 10 A contented sound – it's about something in the ear (7)
- 11 Connected? A non-starter, having tattoos? (5)
- 12 Without hesitation, Brummie recklessly pursues model quality (6)
- 14 Crucible is one to be in old Rome wearing very little at first (6)
- 17 Among the top grades she remains (5)
- 19 Boatman mistook 'Remain', right! (7)
- 22 Hammering plugs in crookedly (7)
- 23 Simple subject of Russian novel in papers I turn to (5)
- 24 Ron and 16, reformed, run a hardware store (10)

DOWN

- 1 Takes off jumpers, by the sound of it (5)
- 2 Metal detection expert surrounded by Greek characters facing each other (7)
- 3 Lead the way: that person follows you and me (5)
- 4 Donald's winning hand! (6)
- 5 British artist in European country (7)
- 6 Shout something covering 17, for example (4)
- 9 Solvers, almost, of the Spanish 15 style (5)
- 12 Public transport, Pan's first 14 (5)
- 13 Republican (American) level – more rufous (7)
- 15 Squealing to music? (7)
- 16 Girl: Alan's love story (6)
- 18 Otterden left inside, furious (4)
- 20 2, 1, ... leads to number of the beast (5)
- 21 Baloney or spinner (5)

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