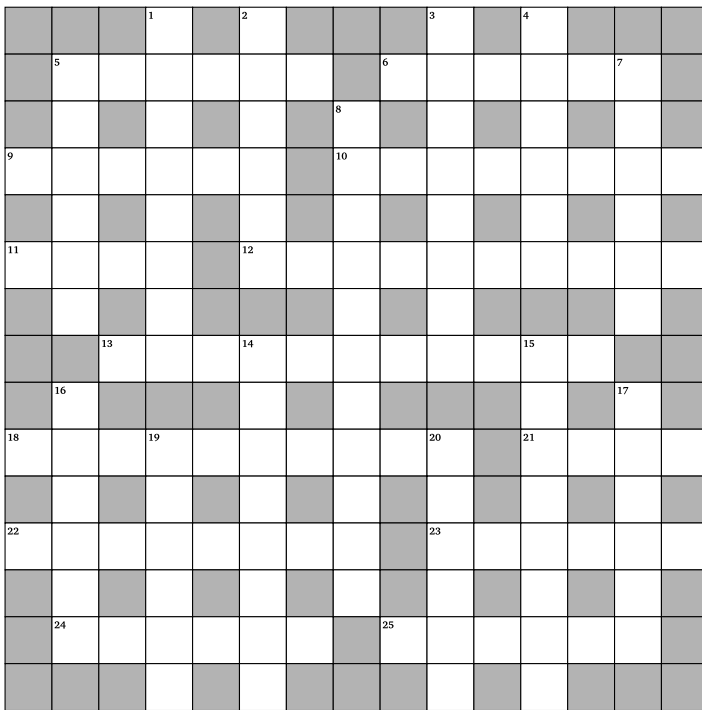


# Cryptic Crossword

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## Number 2 by Numpty

### Across:

5. Damn shells! (6)
6. Scott's trawler goes off-course, missing river (6)
9. A weighty award? (6)
10. Reformed gambler's not this kind of man, they say (and it's helping...) (8)
11. Dandy's right to have doubts initially (4)
12. Reduces choices for meals on wheels? (10)
13. The most direct way around this great confusion (11)
18. Bits of hard drives found between cubicles in open plan offices (10)
21. Cloths for cleaning the Kings' hidden silver (4)
22. See 24
23. Dance movement is almost too small to see, reversing last two positions (6)
- 24, 22. Geeks with Bilbo produced a cult film (3,3,8)
25. Shrinks lower hesitations (6)

### Down:

1. Most delicious turn taken by first drug-taking after year two-thousand (8)
2. Oaked Chardonnay finally is blended and given the nod (6)
3. Laze about in disorganized hunt for fruit (8)
4. Declare the end of terms and conditions (6)
5. Vegetable's emerged after the first half of spring (6)
7. Media lackey's character writing has got a bit of novelty (6)
8. Feverish Bohemian has something of a glow - it's in the blood (11)
14. Excessively withdrawn astronaut is ticklish (secretly!) (8)
15. Mysterious character is a holy man - Yogi's nemesis, perhaps? (8)
16. Officer has the last word for complaint (6)
17. A thousand engineers head east and old Bob concurs (6)
19. Tool can twist, lower, take in... out...(6)
20. Uplifting times in the sun (about a month) form character (6)