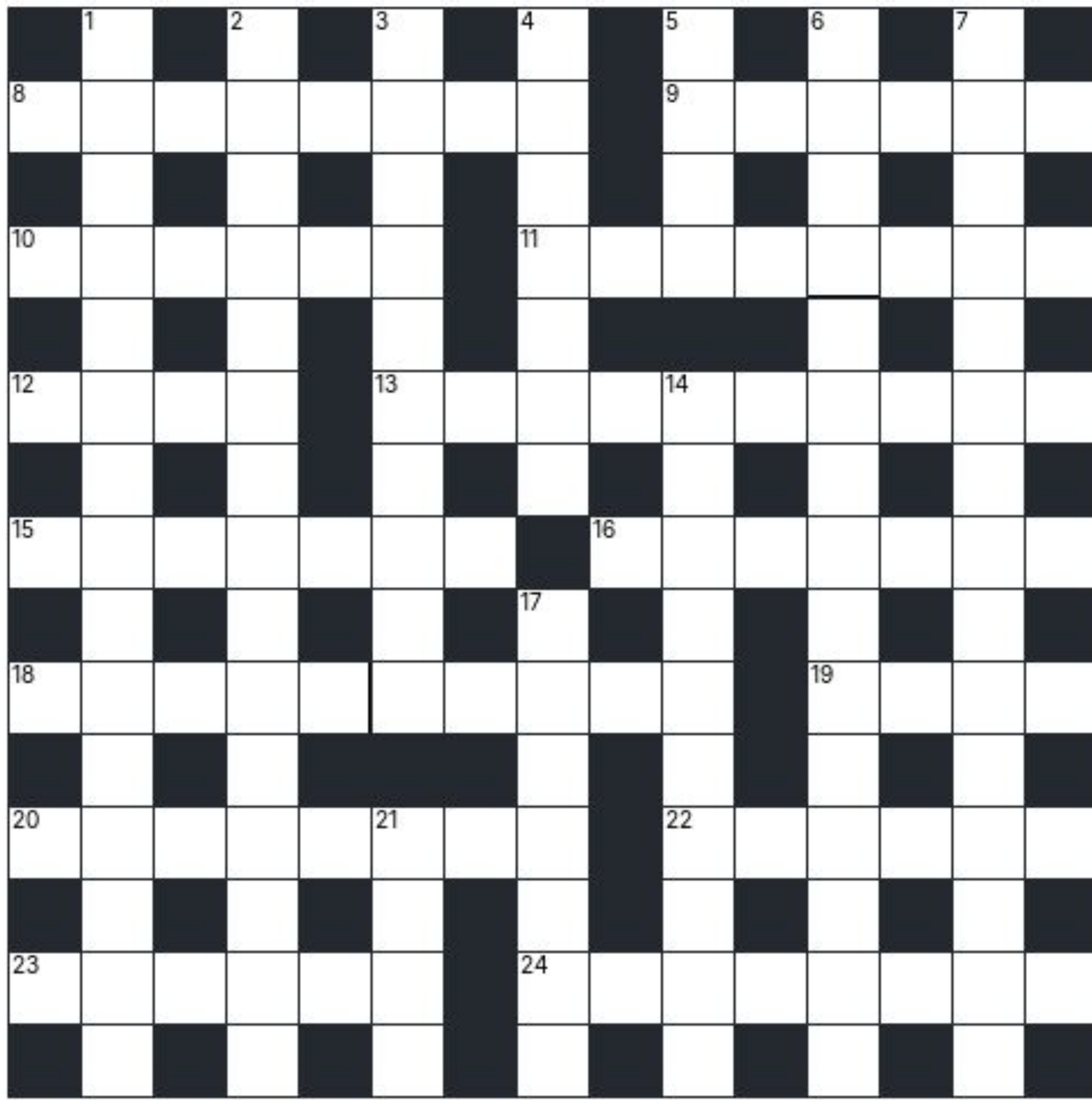
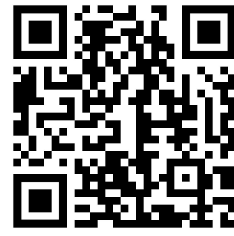


Cryptic Crossword

Each entry in the grid has two clues, either of which will yield the same solution. This is because I wrote one set of clues on the beach in Croatia in September 2024, completely forgot about them and then did exactly the same thing for the same grid in September 2025, in spite of the nagging sense of déjà vu throughout (!)

To view the Quick clues for this puzzle, visit www.stokestmilborough.info/puzzles or scan the QR code >

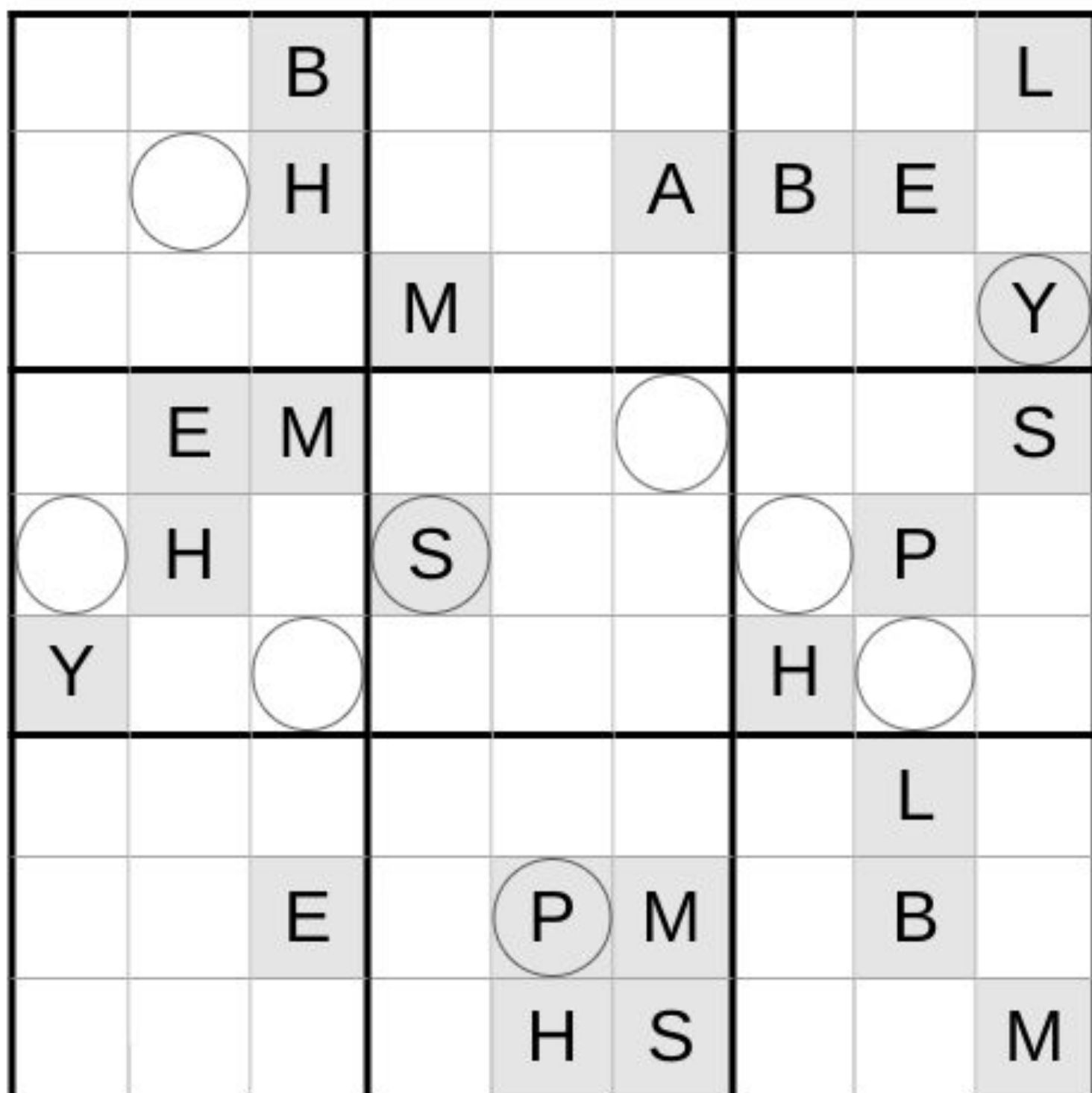


Across

- 8 Caught in saintly ground with very little on (8)
Billy takes it back having been embraced by Stallone without much on (8)
- 9 Awkward to be sexually aroused by Trump primarily (6)
First piece of technology to get turned on becomes problematic (6)
- 10 Evenly sewn hems come undone and catch (6)
Men caved in and she unravelled tangle (6)
- 11 Guar gum entirely disguises beef (8)
Garment rearranged to cover union leader in debate (8)
- 12 Love getting married? It's outstanding! (4)
Outstanding poem is being recited (4)
- 13 He initially joins rowing team with strange need to get worked up (10)
Raised the hedge in parts (10)
- 14 Take time out from gymnastics coverage to bring in Penny's cat (7)
Wild cat quietly sneaks in for tango in something skin-tight (7)
- 16 Runners using wheels for hamsters, perhaps? (7)
Blankets for Rover, maybe, and other dogs, cats etc. (7)
- 18 Torture with relations? Ask these for advice! (5,5)
They sort out problems previously linked to New York by Dad's sisters (5,5)
- 19 Cover evidence that's initially lacking (4)
Overhead protection starts to reduce our overall finances (4)
- 20 Drive me head over heels mad for Swiss delicacy (8)
Take me back before nuts and cheese! (8)
- 22 Ceremony starts to recover if the ushers all leave (6)
Uniform included in reorganised trial ceremony (6)
- 23 Bangs pans (6)
Criticises US fort out loud (6)
- 24 Graduate joins new doctor to find diseased primate (8)
Chap has exercise for monkey (6)

Sudokunudrum

Instead of numbers, this puzzle uses letters. The usual rules of Sudoku apply. To help you, when read from left to right, the circled letters will spell out a 9-letter word.



Down

- 1 Cogent men walked around gaining recognition (15)
Mocked angel went berserk in admission (15)
- 2 Nine preceded ten loosely in correlation (15)
Bury addiction in mutual understanding (15)
- 3 Bacterial infection comes from the hair being restyled after swim (10)
I had tripe cooked outside hospital causing illness (10)
- 4 Candy, I'm unusually energetic! (7)
Exciting note found in assortment of candy (7)
- 5 Separatist extremists earning a good buck (4)
St George strangling a wild beast (4)
- 6 About twenty degrees in latitude, cool with primary indicators of a truly unique rainforest ecosystem (4,11)
North African's rising irritation at Yorkshire river being roughly 20°C (4,11)
- 7 Online nut embroiled in crazed litany lacking forethought (15)
I'll tune Tannoy in randomly without a deliberate plan (15)
- 14 Director's firm is not easily brought into line (10)
Determined chief gets forceful (10)
- 17 Irritate trendy fellow limping (7)
Wind up final puzzle for the setter (7)
- 21 Labour to initially make an enquiry (4)
Teaching assistant's ultimately bleak job (4)

Crossword solution October 2025

Sudoku solution October 2025

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