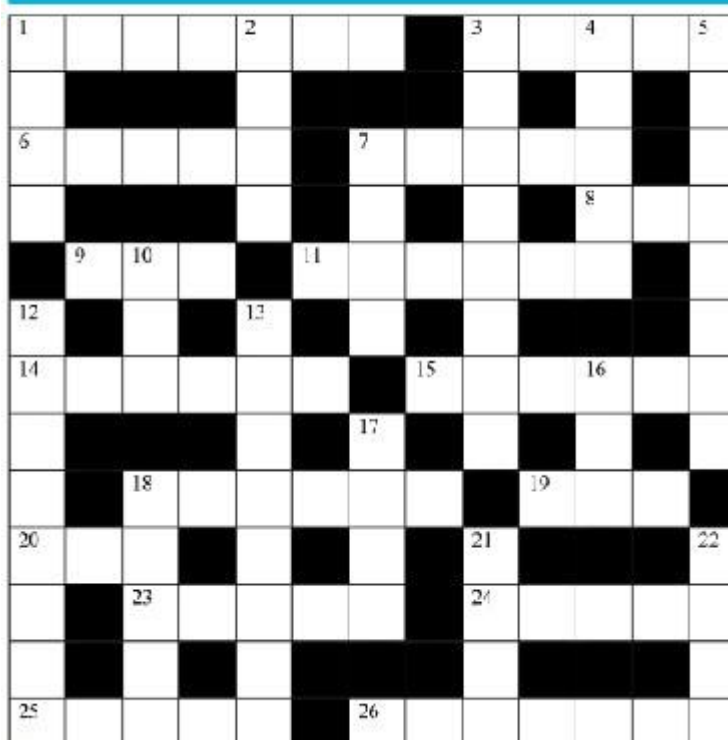


French-themed crossword

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Note all answers are words or names associated with France

Across

- 1 Coming up next month: April Fools' Day, or in Gallic terms _____ *d'avril* (7)
- 3 Jules _____, on whose initiative the first FIFA World Cup was held in 1930 (5)
- 6 Longest river in France (5)
- 7 Cost estimate - important before commencing any *travaux* (5)
- 8 *'L'intelligent parle de ce qu'il a vu, et le _____ de ce qu'il a entendu dire'* - Anatole France (3)
- 9 Traditional country house, particularly in the south (3)
- 11 Important to be on good terms with the staff in this establishment, especially in smaller communities (6)
- 14 Speedy mammal of the genus *Lepus* (6)
- 15 Period of a hundred years (6)
- 18 *Gaz que se dégage de l'eau bouillante* (6)
- 19 Sunny cardinal point (3)
- 20 Organic farming or food, abbreviated (3)
- 23 *Forme embryonnaire* - of certain creatures (5)
- 24 *Végétal ligneux* - sometimes growing to a great height (5)
- 25 Lukewarm - or *indifférent* (5)

- 26 Department in the Grand Est region which includes Strasbourg (3-4)

Down

- 1 Smooth and polished (4)
- 2 *Transpirer par les pores de la peau* (4)
- 3 Person who lives next to a stretch of water (8)
- 4 *Célébration religieuse* - especially for Catholics (5)
- 5 Commune in the Pyrénées-Orientales which includes a unique site for the discovery of fossil remains of *Homo erectus* (8)
- 7 *Pièce de tissu pour un lit* (4)
- 10 *Mammifère domestique* - sometimes used to signify a fool or blockhead (3)
- 12 Novelist whose 1856 debut novel focuses on an adulterous doctor's wife (8)
- 13 Pancake place (8)
- 16 *Terroir où est produit un vin - et le vin lui-même* (3)
- 17 *Prêtre chargé d'une paroisse* (4)
- 18 Flock or flight of birds (5)
- 21 Corny *céréale* (4)
- 22 Rare gas used *pour l'éclairage par tubes* (4)

Across: 1 poisson, 3 Rimet, 6 Loire,
7 devis, 8 sot, 9 mas,
11 mairie, 14 lièvre, 15 siècle,
18 vapeur, 19 sud, 20 bio,
23 larve, 24 arbre, 25 tiède, 26 Bas-Rhin.

Down: 1 poli, 2 suer, 3 riverain,
4 messe, 5 Tautavel, 7 drap,
10 âne, 12 Flaubert, 13 crêperie,
16 cru, 17 curé, 18 volée,
21 maïs, 22 néon