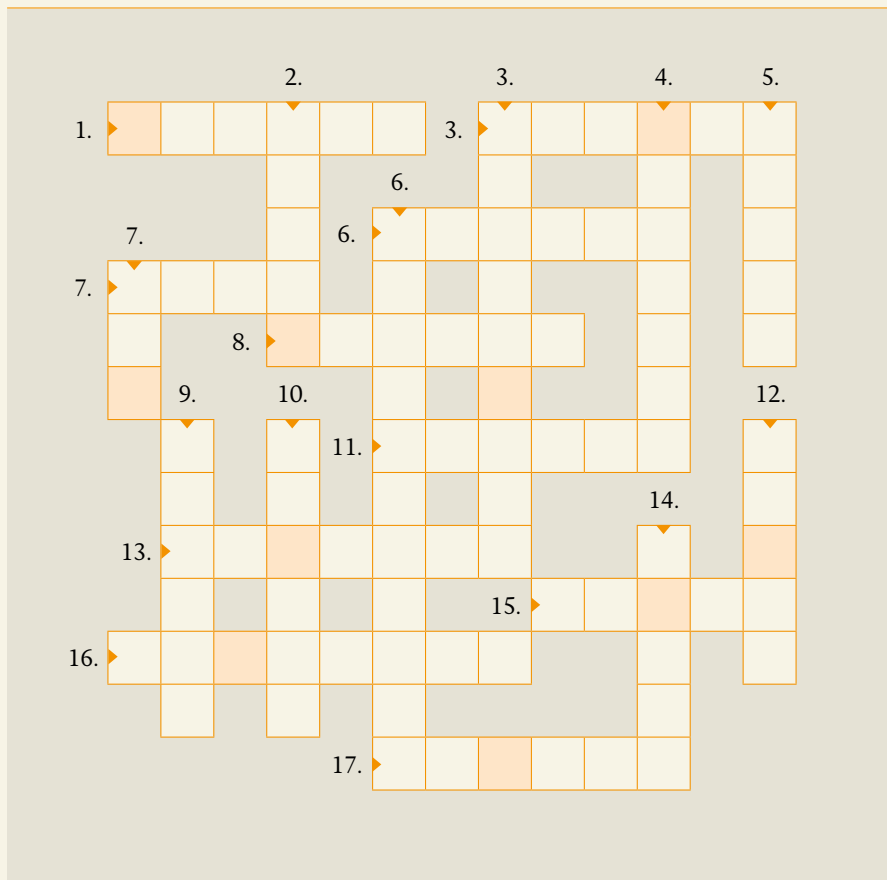


# Twist and sprout

The words in this puzzle are taken from this issue's Britain Today column. You may find it helpful to refer to the text on page 11.

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Solution to puzzle 2/20:

**persistent**



**Across**

1. Why something happens.
3. Place to keep criminals.
6. Someone who sells illegal drugs.
7. A piece of clothing.
8. "Late again! What's your \_\_\_\_\_ this time?"
11. Able to move about.
13. Bring back or re-establish.
15. Strong, unpleasant and sometimes dangerous gas or vapour.
16. "The band played all their new \_\_\_\_\_ at the gig."
17. Worldwide.

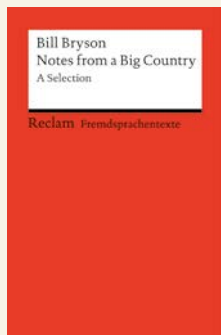
**Down**

2. "I used to \_\_\_\_\_ a packet of cigarettes a day."
3. Reasonable and likely to be true.
4. Odd or weird.
5. Long fictional work.
6. Rotting.
7. The space above the Earth.
9. Relating to medicinal plants.
10. "She was never able to get a straight \_\_\_\_\_ about why it happened."
12. "The \_\_\_\_\_ of the accident is still not clear."
14. Odour, stink.

**Competition**

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