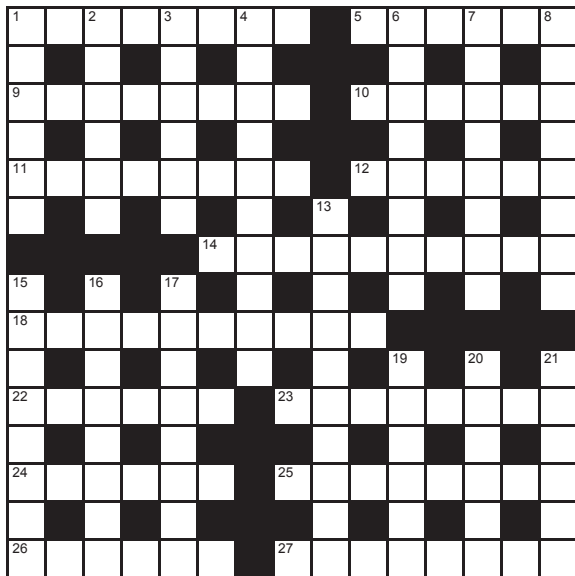


CROSSWORD

No. 16,517 Set by AARDVARK



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Strain's shown by husband and wife pursuing a people carrier (8)
- 5 Metal container, earliest in trove, related to an ancient culture (3,3)
- 9 Works in outskirts of biggish cathedral city, in a casual way (8)
- 10 During over with velocity excessive, confine batsman (6)
- 11 At home, cycle together (2,6)
- 12 Before presentation of award, celebrity needs stiffener (6)
- 14 Rod runs awkwardly, side of knee tender (5,5)
- 18 See you, when in North America, count steps (10)
- 22 During fourth day, Irene reviewed capital abroad (6)
- 23 Son Colin peripherally embraces genial composer (8)
- 24 Stance writer's taken after spirit rebuffed by book circle (6)
- 25 Wind pressure - it creates a site of mayhem (5-3)
- 26 Soldier's rejected that woman who expresses dejection (6)
- 27 Amended chapter includes right poet of Early Renaissance (8)

DOWN

- 1 Bang on front of residence by Jack had an impact (6)
- 2 Some Greek religious books with variable printed material? (6)
- 3 Crime spot attracts local person of mystery (6)
- 4 Type of running track a centre of excellence with showers, for example (3-7)

- 6 Helpless monkey returned to hospital department (8)
- 7 Perverse hoax attempt to apprehend artist (8)
- 8 The main card player's attending rehab regularly (5,3)
- 13 Retailer left in charge during transgression (3-7)
- 15 Celebrity promoted second unaltered picture from 1970s (4,4)
- 16 Tory politician good in speech, protesting angrily (8)
- 17 Dine at sea, stimulating bile, and any food might seem thus (8)
- 19 Friend perhaps a bogus doctor, caught out by hesitant remark (6)
- 20 It's a gemstone, according to past head of jewellery (6)
- 21 Lift disheartening sermon at church (6)

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