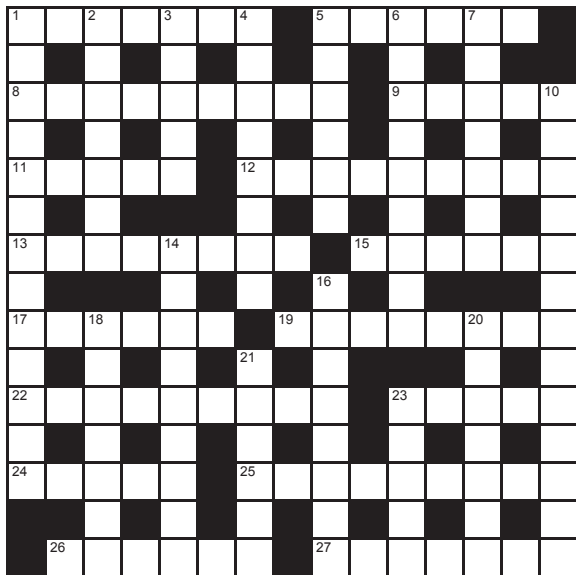


CROSSWORD

No. 16,531 Set by CHALMIE



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Retreats without black jackets (7)
- 5 River goes past university quarter (6)
- 8 Quarter gets messed up in gracious woodwork (9)
- 9 Caught inside, backing current order (5)
- 11 Quarter of Arabian Desert has space with Australian company (5)
- 12 Greek god and alien change into cakes (9)
- 13 Some tempting logs I see inside (8)
- 15 Player's boot is undone (6)
- 17 Evacuated Coventry cathedral with body of mice coming round regularly (6)
- 19 Central part of hedge is eaten by sheep going sideways (8)
- 22 Christmas visitor, any stupid American philosopher (9)
- 23 Prison warder put in an impossible position (5)
- 24 Deal with Durham possibly being closed (3,2)
- 25 Yonder covert heretics hide (4,5)
- 26 Verse central to alliance between Pakistan and Zambia (6)
- 27 Fools host outside broadcast in American quarter (3,4)

DOWN

- 1 Manoeuvres suggested by Mary (4,9)
- 2 Titled fellow, one replaced by representative old northern idiot (7)

- 3 Immense interest in American panel dismissing judge (5)
- 4 Mushy pea tarts practising social distancing (3,5)
- 5 Force probably on the ground or up in the air (6)
- 6 Indigestible French article on a piece of furniture (9)
- 7 Capital with power to stop small group initially living independently (7)
- 10 A quarter there knew ties need breaking (8,5)
- 14 Ethnic quarter feature, one keeping two busy (9)
- 16 Bill judge a small sum at close quarters (8)
- 18 Study archdeacon starting tombola in religious quarters (7)
- 20 Maybe Netanyahu is regularly treated with lithium (7)
- 21 May look up advanced American oil (6)
- 23 Hard, heading for argument (3-2)

Solution 16,530

