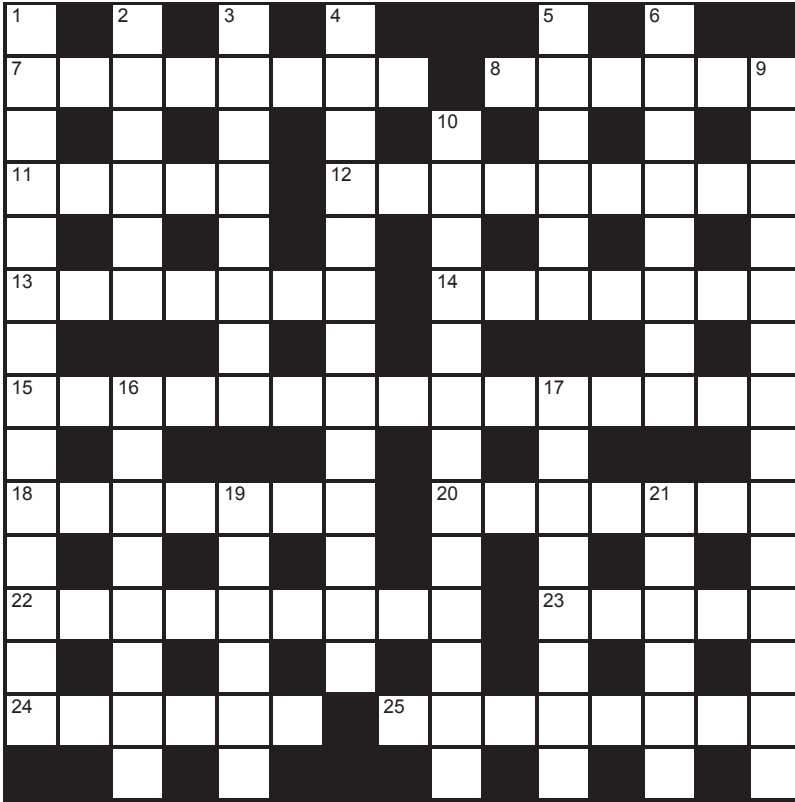


CROSSWORD

No 16,603 Set by WANDERER



ACROSS

- 7 Result of mob rule? Former Taoiseach lost a wife (5,3)
- 8 Italian in no great hurry, locking up a shed? (4-2)
- 11 Storyteller regularly made us soup (5)
- 12 Playing dirtier ultimately, if one is in a blue funk (9)
- 13 A very dishonourable chap breaking into orchard's heading repeatedly for a kind of pear (7)
- 14 Back door Bill Clinton finally needed (7)
- 15 One carrying red box around, in case one's needed in church (7,8)
- 18 Second Oscar award for Welsh comedian (7)
- 20 Criminal used to needing uniform inside, once obedient (7)
- 22 Those sharing secrets of a politician in primarily left-leaning columns (4,5)
- 23 Especially wide, perhaps (5)
- 24 Low-down on paper doll? (6)
- 25 Current viral complaint contracted in an Indian city, in general (8)

DOWN

- 1 Cancels a lease, sadly holding first of regular events caused by shops closing down (9,5)
- 2 International agency wanting some nun escorts (6)
- 3 Film star entertaining a clergyman (8)
- 4 The point of love seats, essentially (4-9)
- 5 Class containing one who's especially talented? (6)
- 6 Event curtailed tennis game, with police brought in (8)
- 9 Sailor briefly having a break, being between two ships (8,6)
- 10 Website creator's skill becoming evident as GP changed Iris's treatment (7,6)
- 16 Attractive bloke on vacation before Advent (8)
- 17 Pinter production described by papers as daring (8)
- 19 Animal, maybe male, raised by Paddy (6)
- 21 Intercourse initiator "on top", perhaps leading to another possible choice (6)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 16,602

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