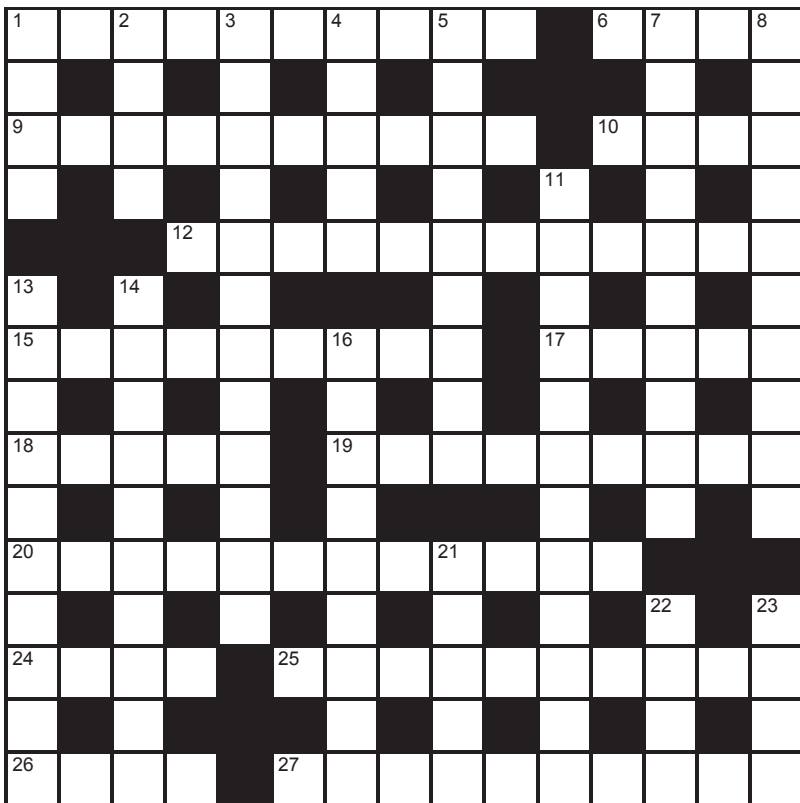


CROSSWORD

No 16,633 Set by WANDERER



ACROSS

- 1 Make fun of rich Old Etonian leader, waving in burlesque style (4-6)
- 6 Muslim provided with American backing (4)
- 9 Art of avoiding eg lockdown is key, along with expression of regret (10)
- 10, 22 Rubbish courier makes big blunders (5-3)
- 12 Sadly an ex failed her heartlessly, like 20 (6-6)
- 15 Getting into a row, artist's more in need of a drink (9)
- 17 Primate: "It's plain – drivel, essentially" (5)
- 18 Substance of yarn: fellow leaving second of two cities (5)
- 19 Italian translation of Engels' unfinished book (9)
- 20 Little black book's included in prayer for someone that's who's had a busy love life? (5,7)
- 24 Perfect short clue? (What's missing at 11) (4)
- 25 What might get you to Dublin, without third of journey being wasted? (5,5)
- 26 Failure by English chap (4)
- 27 Misplaced grounds or reasons for 3? (4,6)

DOWN

- 1 Look! Wanderer's name-dropping! (4)
- 2 Charisma of Churchill, or primarily a clown? (4)
- 3 Despair due to incompetence (12)
- 4 Needing to calm down, king takes note (5)
- 5 Mostly having drunk gin, with bad renal failure ultimately (2,7)
- 7 Complete dud? Grin and bear endless blundering (10)
- 8 Doing a hatchet job on David Ellis is unwise (3-7)
- 11 Without a clue? That's being thoughtless (6,2,4)
- 13 Completely unable to see number hidden by extreme placings of sight screen (5-5)
- 14 Date of good day to finish touring Ireland (10)
- 16 Embarrassing state of confusion, with Wanderer's sibling beginning to geld Manx cat (9)
- 21 Group of musicians unable to get online with this? (5)
- 22 See 10
- 23 Country's embracing electronic instruments (4)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 16,632

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