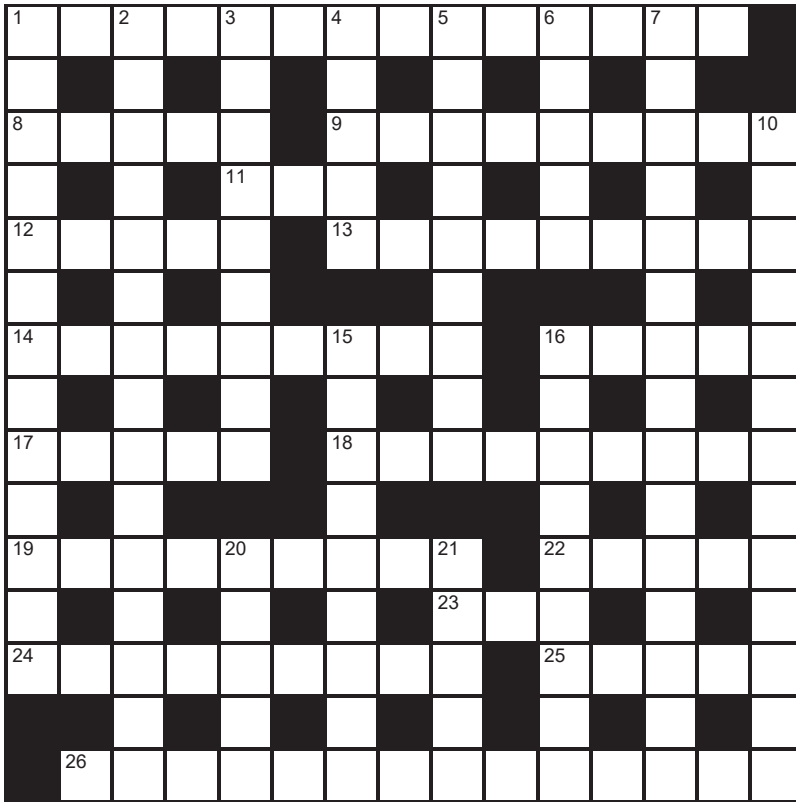


# CROSSWORD

No 16,669 Set by IO



## ACROSS

- 1 Provider of course heard seethin': wages received, but tips mixed up (6,3,5)
- 8 Dadaist back cycling (5)
- 9 Which side will win it? (It's touch and go) (3-3-3)
- 11 See 4
- 12 "Moving" style of Vasarely's old role (2,3)
- 13 It's only just succeeded in light entertainment (5,4)
- 14 A country in which you'll see black diamonds before lock-keeper? (5,4)
- 16 What players may perform in Rome and jockeys Ascot (5)
- 17 This paper's deserted the most excellent French clerics! (5)
- 18 Distracted alumnus I see slipping through grating (9)
- 19 One may be battered after being kicked in groin (5,4)
- 22 A failing put this into action! (4,1)
- 23 Like missing the first festivity (1,2)
- 24 A sailor attending to cut astern (2,3,4)
- 25 Indicate more beer's needed, it seems? (5)
- 26 Weather-beaten centenarian associated with endless Rime? (7,7)

## DOWN

- 1 Long flip working, Arsenal's first scored by Gunners great (sadly lost) (5,8)
- 2 Composer approaching peak, Weller & Co shortly to receive music award (8,7)
- 3 Cross cracking new train-set's ruined (2,7)
- 4, 11 Too bad if this little party screws up! (3,2,1,2)
- 5 Affluent youth finished something easy? Do my cryptic to seal it! (9)
- 6 They may be run around inferior bells (5)
- 7 Unconscious insights gleaned from this Cruciverbalist Club? (4,11)
- 10 I'm snarled by trawler and soon cooked (6,7)
- 15 Legume men left off menu baked in foremost of Asian stews (5,4)
- 16 Litmus exam? (4,5)
- 20 lo has a name for shooting up marks (5)
- 21 Fish sauce Georgia's made with spirit (5)

## JOTTER PAD

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