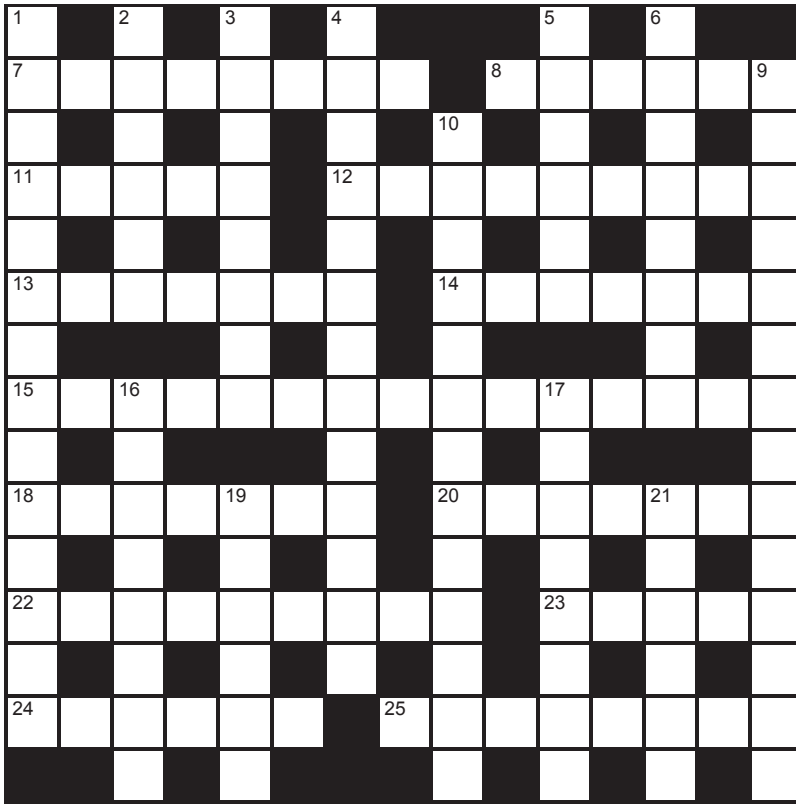


CROSSWORD

No 16,683 Set by JULIUS



ACROSS

- 7 Modernise Worthing immediately! (5,3)
- 8 Grandma drained cuppa with last bit of tiramisu cake (6)
- 11 Issue of small man? (8)
- 12 Pilot of the future lived in retirement as a human cannonball (9)
- 13 Vermin-killing cat biting large snake (7)
- 14 Every South African golfer when cycling gets the Blues (7)
- 15 Austrian woman based near Paris who had a fantastic brioche recipe? (5,10)
- 18 Greeting little one in Welsh, I put on the grill (7)
- 20 Prison officer promoted, about to demonstrate the Peter Principle? (5,2)
- 22 Billy's mum tango dancing round an empty nunnery (5-4)
- 23 Composer shortening vacation time (5)
- 24 Frothy bridge player boring a pair of Yankees (6)
- 25 Theatre investor backing one individual from LA (8)

DOWN

- 1 Isn't Hardy smart? Extraordinary literary gentleman (8,6)
- 2 Horror-struck Reichstag has terrorist guards (6)
- 3 Note rising suggestion of obscenity of strip put on by posh boys (4,4)
- 4 Some years older, in Girona it gets incredibly hot (9,4)
- 5 Treat court composer, 50, with a slight promotion (6)
- 6 Hot weather hampering poor Yves, being quite stocky (5-3)
- 9 It's free from Pb, but not free from BP (8,6)
- 10 Messing around with Spooner's cutie Ruby? (8,5)
- 16 Former doyen of BBC politics run over when the dustcart came (5,3)
- 17 The drink undoing Sheraton? (5,3)
- 19 Shy, old Lawrence's dog (6)
- 21 Film legend Billy's *Romeo* crowned with Oscar (6)

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