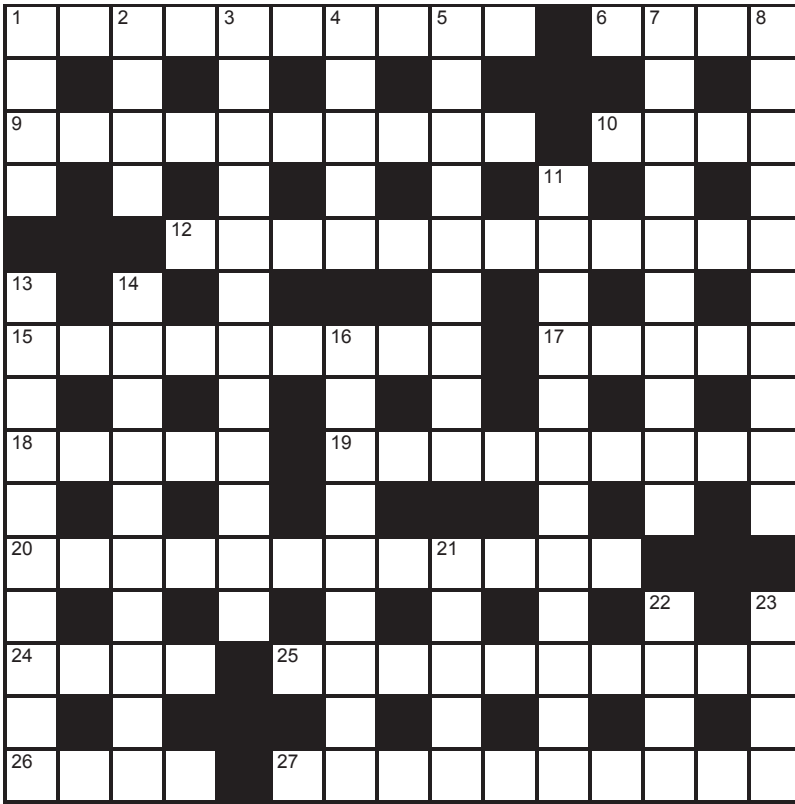


# CROSSWORD

No 16,741 Set by FALCON



## ACROSS

- 1 Covers large property with grounds in English county (10)
- 6 Beginning of big article on old Scottish resort town (4)
- 9 Not working free (10)
- 10 Struggle with appearance (4)
- 12 Grassland swamp associated with Alabama – Montgomery, for example (5,7)
- 15 Unreadable? I'll say! Book one bishop rejected (9)
- 17 Incompetent writer held back by it (5)
- 18 Bet women get on together, ultimately (5)
- 19 Syrian in a public display of anger behind barrier (9)
- 20 Where to see film stars adequately briefed? (2,3,7)
- 24 Hook in role reversal (4)
- 25 To achieve the intended effect, refuse to work in the house (6,4)
- 26 Parrot or some screech owl (4)
- 27 Building in need of a yard, sooner or later (3,4,3)

## DOWN

- 1 Bowled, dismissed in match (4)
- 2 Decline small sweet (4)
- 3 Hierarchy strictly for the birds? (7,5)
- 4 Training, after ten, in the Spanish bar (5)
- 5 Hermia and Lysander? (5,4)
- 7 All right following cheerful European song (6,4)
- 8 Fresh landlord brought round second bulletin (10)
- 11 Intellectuals encourage one working in theatre? (5,7)
- 13 One's played card game in shady inlet (3,7)
- 14 Designated route of escape that's on track (6,4)
- 16 Ashamed to make money playing sport (9)
- 21 Robber, one arrested by the force (5)
- 22 Striking leader of band, advanced in years (4)
- 23 Refuse in study close to library (4)

## JOTTER PAD

Solution 16,740

