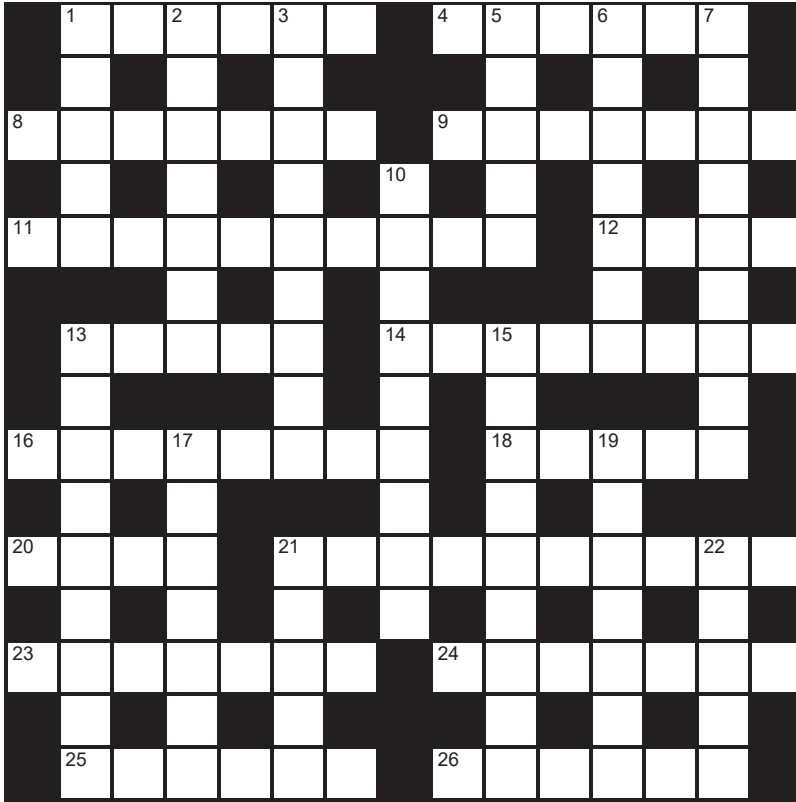


# CROSSWORD

No 16,757 Set by PETO



## ACROSS

- 1 Make weak swimmers admit any misgivings at the outset (6)
- 4 Soldier on talking stoically at first about mother's disgrace (6)
- 8 Reportedly studied record of obstructive official procedure (3,4)
- 9 Spread uncontrollably right around a French city (3,4)
- 11 Bunk bed's original ladder has broken (10)
- 12 Evident in granite monolith's detail (4)
- 13 Conveyed one of ducks away from island (5)
- 14 Girl died wrestling huge rat (8)
- 16 Good to take issue with girl over Thailand's policy of openness (8)
- 18 Bit of sausage stuffing perfectly warm (5)
- 20 Story of Magyar nationalism (4)
- 21 Keep firm and carry on (10)
- 23 Country house left secure (7)
- 24 Regularly lobby minister to make a comment (7)
- 25 Assume that woman has a gun (6)
- 26 Treacle not originally produced as breakfast food (6)

## DOWN

- 1 Runs into whimsical American goddess (5)
- 2 Stuff brought up about reserves getting to fix game (7)
- 3 Excellent old king's missing daughter found by Jessica Jones perhaps (9)
- 5 Little contact (5)
- 6 Bench essentially covered with lurid decoration (7)
- 7 Changes meant to include cast getting compensation for injury (9)
- 10 Required from lawyer employed by fellow politician (9)
- 13 A backwater in global Britain amazingly (9)
- 15 UN support over prohibition sent up by Labour leader as indefensible (9)
- 17 Model seen with only one piece of underwear (7)
- 19 I've struggled through pain to win (7)
- 21 Open about leaving from that time on (5)
- 22 Aim to speak honestly (5)

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