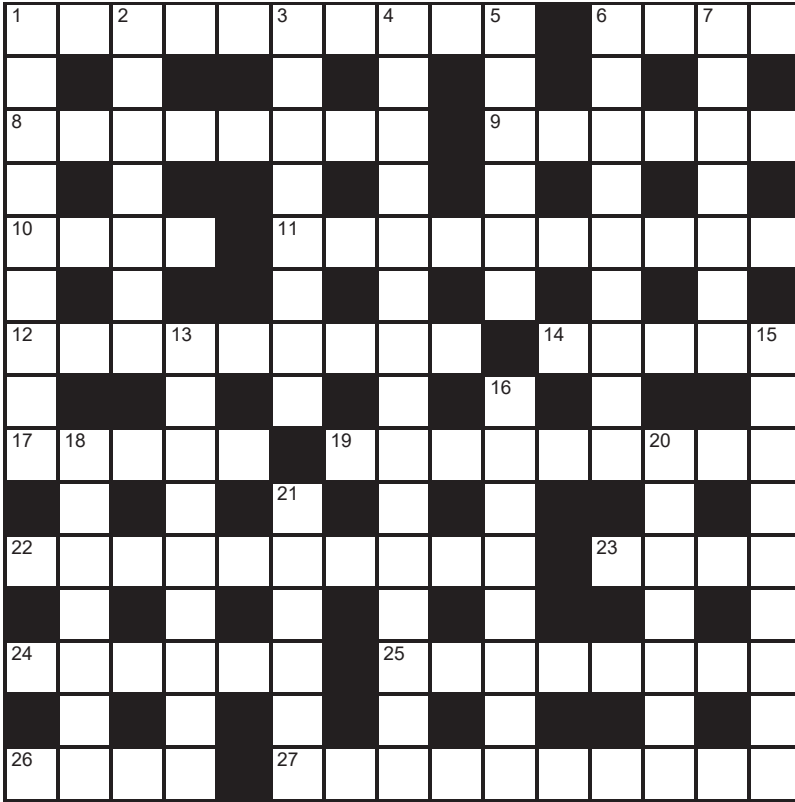


# CROSSWORD

No 16,843 Set by MONK



## ACROSS

- 1 Rivet up cracked, corroded slate (10)
- 6 What could be contained by safe area? (4)
- 8 Military ops affected by Maxim guns regularly going off (8)
- 9 Naked pilot found in the drink is 17 (6)
- 10 Remove tilt after cutting off an end (4)
- 11 Gas mask needing repairs – faulty rubbish returned (10)
- 12 Regards root of herb, wood, crushed for war paint (3,6)
- 14 First topless work in old bar (5)
- 17 9 seconds taken by men (5)
- 19 Mistaken individual stopping user or suspect (9)
- 22 Capture fat bishop escaping – not at all hearty? (4-6)
- 23 Key ingredient of nickel-silver sent over (4)
- 24 Held out for decapitation, damned (6)
- 25 Select members with sod all power finally caved in (3,5)
- 26 Pork-pie manufacturer in trouble about abattoir's closure (4)
- 27 Weak question about one's will to keep mum (5-5)

## DOWN

- 1 Isaac, gutted, raced in five athletics events, finally a winner (9)
- 2 Swell corporation executive ultimately holds the key (7)
- 3 African flag hoisted above ground? Not so (8)
- 4 Shot rhinos – burials in 1992 for one? (5,10)
- 5 English unite to follow New Order (6)
- 6 In a stew – buttocks bitten by fierce mongrel (9)
- 7 Tender a mostly severe offer to begin with (7)
- 13 Boy racer, unrelenting, failing to finish when suppressed by drug (9)
- 15 Potential witnesses in reserve as press messed up beforehand (7-2)
- 16 Making spectacular progress in a conflict up in a Scottish island (8)
- 18 Bread man mostly up to no good (7)
- 20 Vague toss for break (2,5)
- 21 Plant constructed in two days back-to-back (6)

## JOTTER PAD

Solution 16,842

