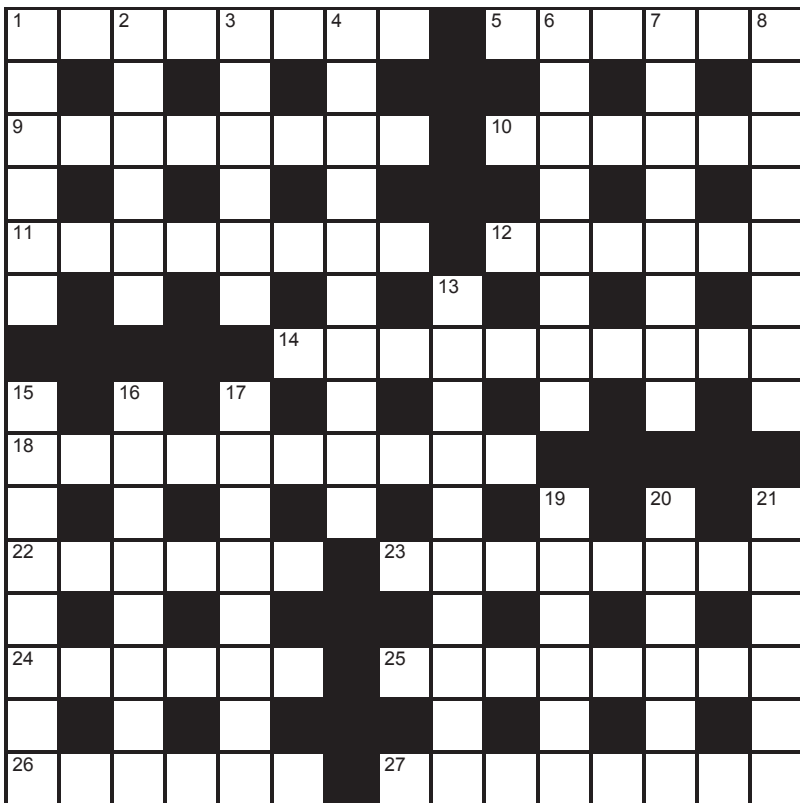


CROSSWORD

No 16,883 Set by JASON



ACROSS

- 1 Nonetheless, lock is a prop (8)
- 5 Hour regularly spent getting key cover for motorists (6)
- 9 Take too much old derv that is processed crude (8)
- 10 To wit, source of oil's an embarrassing predicament (6)
- 11 Eccentric elder cad gets certified (8)
- 12 Do well left tailing intel gatherers? (6)
- 14 In the *Odyssey* this ogre's home and supply gets ravaged (10)
- 18 Sweeper going round drive, good chap bound to join union (10)
- 22 Knock back one pouting in movie lacking content (6)
- 23 Sure fine with diet having been fixed (8)
- 24 Time associated with literal dread (6)
- 25 It gets used in delicate viewer's aid? (8)
- 26 City's former partner backing network (6)
- 27 Humanitarian group happily records start of success (3,5)

DOWN

- 1 Fair noble's moved with introduction of debate (6)
- 2 Ditch fish maintaining resistance (6)
- 3 Right, a face like Michelin's blown-up product? (6)
- 4 Ray, we hear, drilled sidewalk surfer (10)
- 6 Blue Berets set over His Excellency's shed (8)
- 7 It's Mum who does the cleaning? An impressive gift (8)
- 8 Beyond compare – as is the lower house (8)
- 13 One side of fabulous penthouse east of Hackney (10)
- 15 Matelots in the drink (8)
- 16 Fork out for fabulous bus rides (8)
- 17 One sitting in Strasbourg is lifted by stony Welsh town (8)
- 19 Semaphore code, initially it lifted most of diplomacy (6)
- 20 Writer taking in street's small bar (6)
- 21 Wilted cress sandwiches, English will be withdrawing (6)

JOTTER PAD