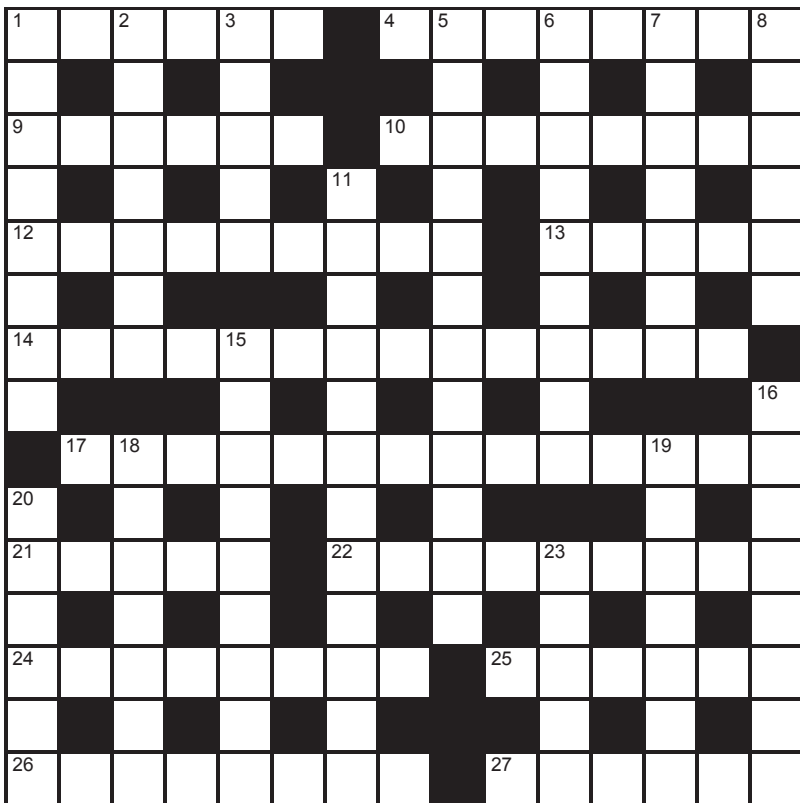


# CROSSWORD

No 16,908 Set by FALCON



## ACROSS

- 1 Small restaurant in street described by writer (6)
- 4 Newly tailored for worshipper (8)
- 9 Glass container depicted by artist in coffee shop (6)
- 10 Overwhelm one convent member attending court (8)
- 12 Get to know when definite (9)
- 13 Physicist – someone greatly prized, it's said (5)
- 14 Contemplate having Italian over? I'll oblige immediately (8,2,4)
- 17 Unexpected events in play – these dupe actor, surprisingly (5,2,7)
- 21 One failing to win in close race (5)
- 22 Sharp drop in deficit (9)
- 24 Band couple hired (8)
- 25 Knight leaving English city very quickly (6)
- 26 Paper in stand is English (8)
- 27 Poor quarter has hospital within reach (6)

## DOWN

- 1 Bishop, close to guy shot accidentally (2,6)
- 2 Old Arab nation featured in small article (7)
- 3 Either way, consult (5)
- 5 Speech supporting Democrat's severe public criticism (12)
- 6 Official in row over try (4,5)
- 7 A trout cooked, note, perfectly (2,1,4)
- 8 Staggered about daughter catching fish (6)
- 11 Shopkeepers here had brass buckles (12)
- 15 International male model, tense (9)
- 16 Rolling in it, clearly – likewise duke inside (4-2-2)
- 18 Performing in two legs (2,5)
- 19 Passage in broadcast ignored by millions (7)
- 20 Very nearly the whole amount, contrary to expectation (3,3)
- 23 Check after raised bunk deliberately set on fire (5)

## JOTTER PAD

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