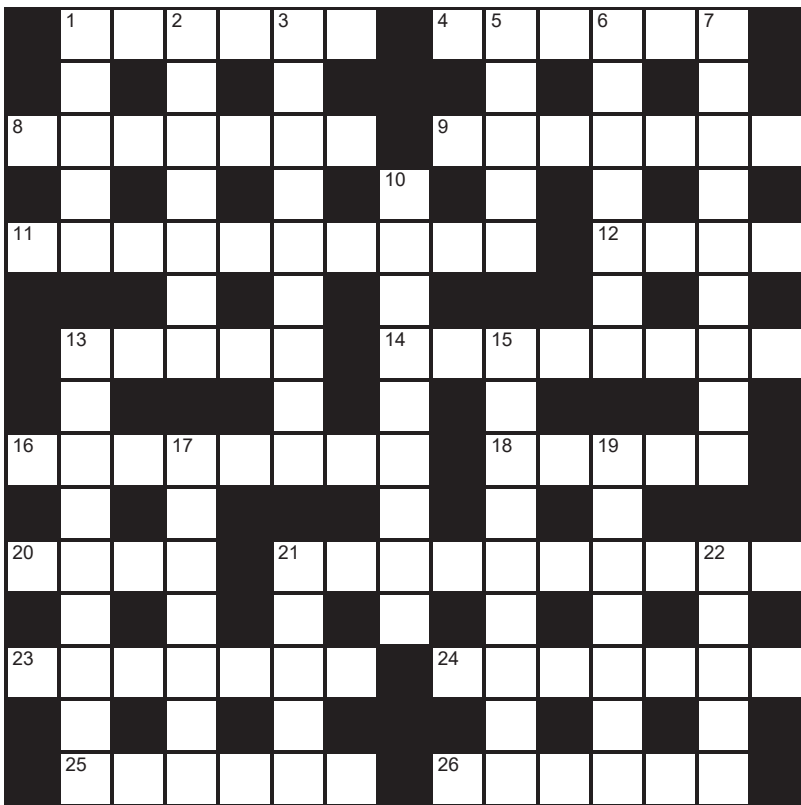


CROSSWORD

No 16,909 Set by GOZO



ACROSS

- 1 Academic, regrettably, rebuffed peace gesture (6)
- 4 Day away from Cardiff, round Scottish glen and loch (6)
- 8 Link with state I cut off (7)
- 9 Discharges from a ship carrying earth (7)
- 11 Pretence coming on stage (10)
- 12 Supermarket's hen-run (4)
- 13 Lowdown on the team's spirits (5)
- 14 Control reporters with drink (8)
- 16 Brothers turned back close to north-eastern university (8)
- 18 Mole's companion is irritable (5)
- 20 Easter gifts gratefully supplied as starters (4)
- 21 Pilates exercises causing accidents with the rig (10)
- 23 Argumentative pupil twice starts interrupting garbled story (7)
- 24 Taking care of male newspaperman with terrible flu (7)
- 25 Group of nine seen topless and drunk (6)
- 26 Evaluate Jenny? (6)

DOWN

- 1 Funds raised for vessels (5)
- 2 Tailless songbird with a name from classification system (7)
- 3 Harmony at home about love for squeeze box (9)
- 5 Ordinary part of chain cast in iron (5)
- 6 Love being in sports ground with dog -- come again! (2-5)
- 7 Hard-heartedly ring up the Dark Blues with cunning (9)
- 10 Fashionable fragrance, fundamentally (2,7)
- 13 Cloth from pilot at pottery centre (9)
- 15 Airborne trooper spoke of poet to birds (9)
- 17 Donkey in favour? Blow that! (7)
- 19 Ornament wild Ted smashed (7)
- 21 German agreement about work on the quiet in Edinburgh suburb (5)
- 22 1973 drama starts to examine questions under unusual security (5)

JOTTER PAD

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