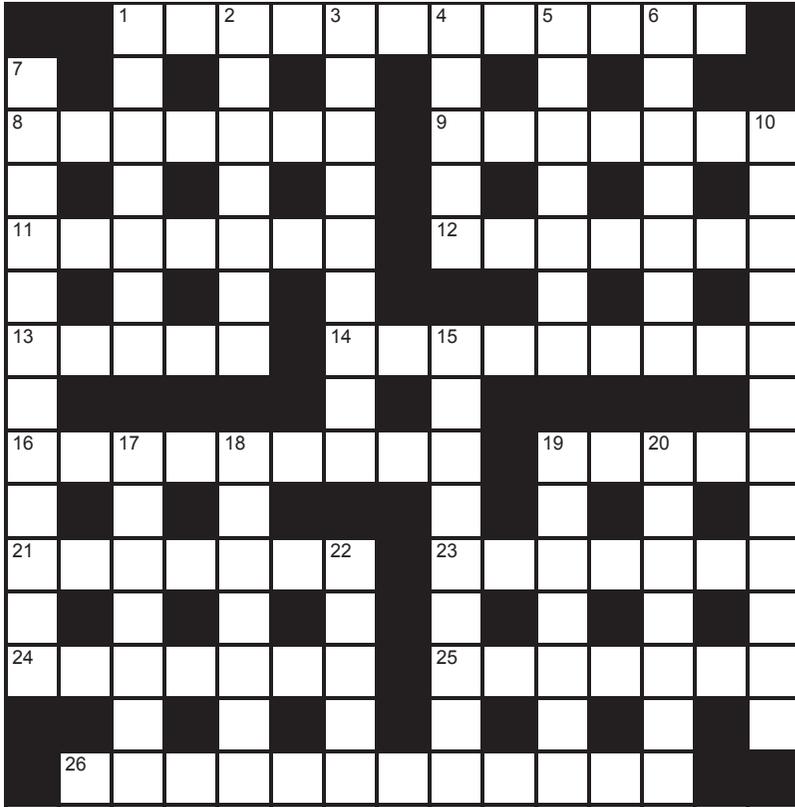


# CROSSWORD

No 16,975 Set by AARDVARK



## ACROSS

- 1 Timid cow that's seen at the front of the field? (6,6)
- 8 Opener, awfully tall, in The Cricketers Arms? (4-3)
- 9 One's clean load put in corner, half aired (3-4)
- 11 Participated in demo song with artist and student (7)
- 12 Play the empty local when in bands (7)
- 13 Element of technical language Jack ignored (5)
- 14 Joggers Mike and American circling Italian city in recession (9)
- 16 Part of newspaper's front page wrinkles? (9)
- 19 English stream divided on Beckett ultimately (5)
- 21 Snake around border with India, finding ancient kingdom (7)
- 23 During Noel essentially detectives on team become rusty (7)
- 24 Harry's personal audio system complements party (7)
- 25 Wise perhaps to interrupt dope creating flames (7)
- 26 Freezing underground line, a line on some maps (6,6)

## DOWN

- 1 In auditorium, second person will record cake (4,3)
- 2 European's muscle getting unit inside truck (7)
- 3 Quiz man Richard introduces Mike, friend and moderator (9)
- 4 Devout patriot, on disc, telling gags? Not OK (5)
- 5 Cowboy builder's latest alteration extremely dear, according to Rene (7)
- 6 Character in Marathon that follows delta (7)
- 7 Open program by fish expert (12)
- 10 Maybe study leading novel of the 1950s (4,2,3,3)
- 15 Problem lifting lino's bothered one supremo in the past (9)
- 17 Fan heard reworking by Queen (7)
- 18 Business graduate participates in final lecture (7)
- 19 Fabulous plant pruned by constant champion (7)
- 20 Old record company detailed immature female expatriate (7)
- 22 Improvised band she once observed regularly (2,3)

## JOTTER PAD

Solution 16,974

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