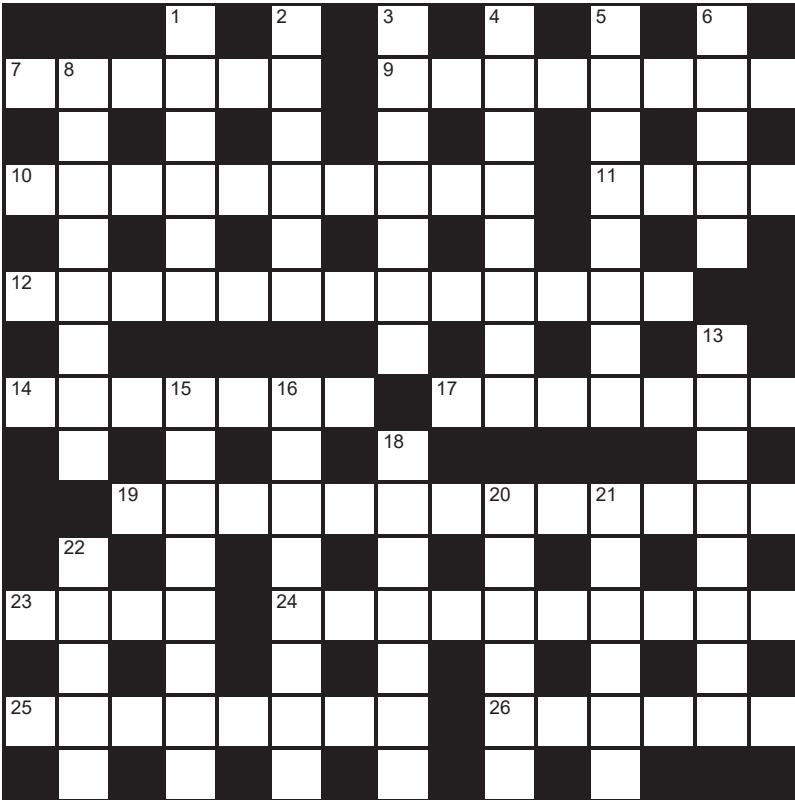


CROSSWORD

No 17,025 Set by IO



JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,024

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Celebrating the 90th birthday of a crossword legend

ACROSS

- 7 Port intoxicated Roger Squires? Nothing odd in that (6)
- 9 In reply he says Araucarians were rather welcoming (8)
- 10 With A-one flying, embattled Fleet Air Arm section captured "sinister" individual (4-6)
- 11 First to serve in seagoing vessel (4)
- 12 After first of illusions bamboozled, I'd then let cat out of the bag – and one of two peas! (9,4)
- 14 Solve *Church Times* (2,2) in a blink? (7)
- 17 I'll help clot do a bit of overtime loading partly digital cargo (6,1)
- 19 See 16
- 23 The point in spell of "hocus-pocus!" (4)
- 24 Plastered resins on to raw materials for Shropshire bridge? (10)
- 25 See *perimeter of grid*, reading from stern of boat
- 26 Fury exposed Dalek facing triad of Doctors (6)

DOWN

- 1 This stuff's newspaper material! (6)
- 2 Below-average Latin? You need some refresher courses! (6)
- 3 Take in a Monday cryptic for old rail employee? (7)
- 4 Cruciverbalist ultimately lifted up as "royal" (8)
- 5 Top setter, broke, accepts his cut (3,5)
- 6 Scary – taking off south, observer starts to identify enemy (5)
- 8 "Produce even more crosswords?!" (And you've nothing against new editor?) (6,2)
- 13 Description of Dante's clues – or a celebration of French cheese? (8)
- 15 A petty officer joined up to cover work (4,4)
- 16, 19 A Cap for Anna and a Cap for Tamsin? Cryptic book title (3,5,3,2,4,4)
- 18 Lower part of two banks of Severn colonised by Green Party (7)
- 20 Picture exploits liberating a vessel (2,4)
- 21 What N European pays King Roger up front? A pound note (6)
- 22 Old gold Indy's No 1 put on a banker at Ripon? (5)