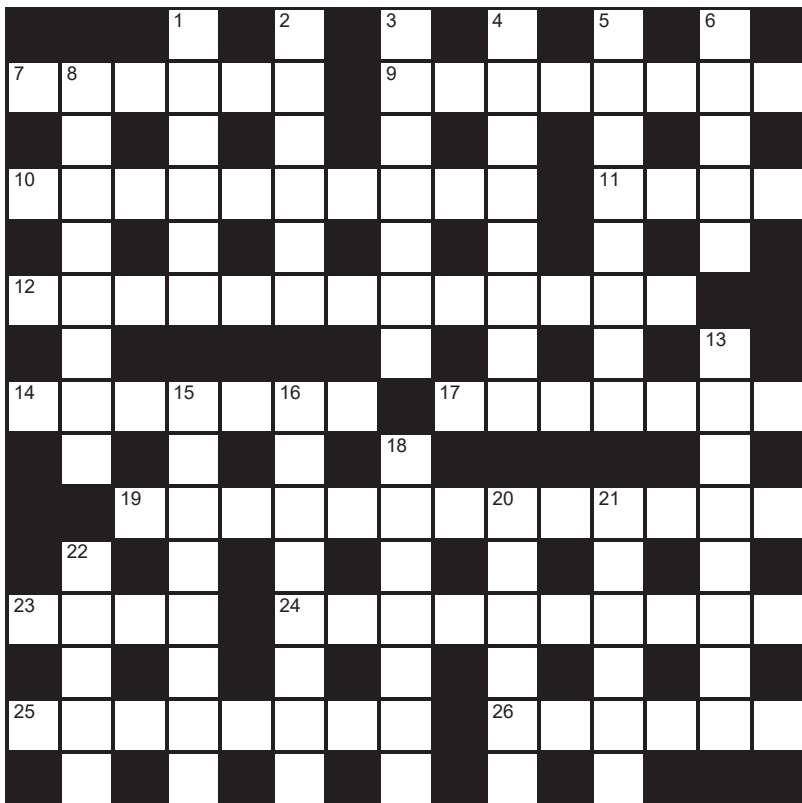


CROSSWORD

No 17,025 Set by IO



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)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,024

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