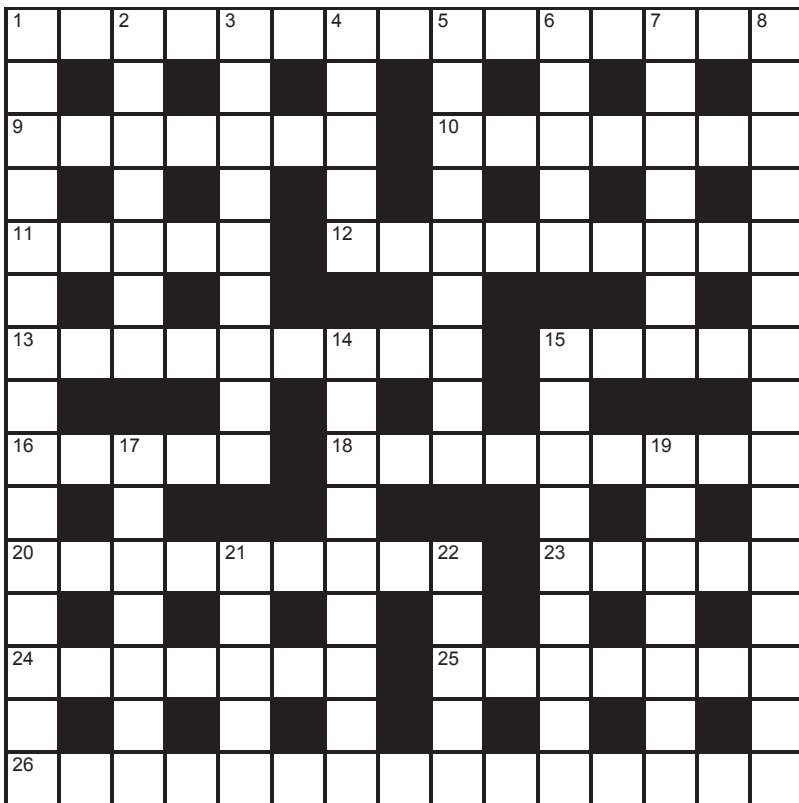


CROSSWORD

No 17,044 Set by JULIUS



ACROSS

- 1 Ageing Aussie swinger, maneater, #1 twerker, sozzled (5,5,5)
- 9 Misery of seaside spa I remember (7)
- 10 Taking time out from martial art; OK to pop in for a sing-song? (7)
- 11 Feeling unwell in the French city (5)
- 12 TV, radio & press service aimed for disruption (4,5)
- 13 Tabloid rubbish article included "what the PM did in Marbella?" (9)
- 15 Visiting Bridport, I'd always like the sea (5)
- 16 Fury seen as Glasgow side has both wingers dismissed (5)
- 18 Awful pain when East German comes in for new currency, longing for the past (9)
- 20 Nudge Joey, reclaim - finally! - a bit of space (5,4)
- 23 Brits losing a thousand from equities going into recession (5)
- 24 Silly sort of everyday language mother banned (7)
- 25 Sticky substance Malcolm occasionally found in ash? (7)
- 26 Bishop tucking into pasta *al dente* I'd cooked which contains no meat (1,5-5,4)

DOWN

- 1 Grand Crimea/Odessa gathering featuring oddly bold patriotic statement (3,5,7)
- 2 Letter beginning to explain uplifting result of Ms Bott's treatment? (7)
- 3 Trattoria fed artist going north to host an expo (5,4)
- 4 Female members of household run miles (5)
- 5 Show bias and pick teams (4,5)
- 6 Packs down for this? (5)
- 7 Shunned adult video broadcast over Germany (7)
- 8 Ordering cheapest ale, keen to save all the shots? (4,1,5,5)
- 14 Its driver might demolish bacon and mash (6,3)
- 15 Rise above tendency to keep cans for recycling (9)
- 17 Young lady eating soft cheese, a gift from God (7)
- 19 Coaching poor American to quit starchy food (7)
- 21 Western alliance upset Germanic supreme leader (5)
- 22 Dull husband struggling at first in this subject (5)

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