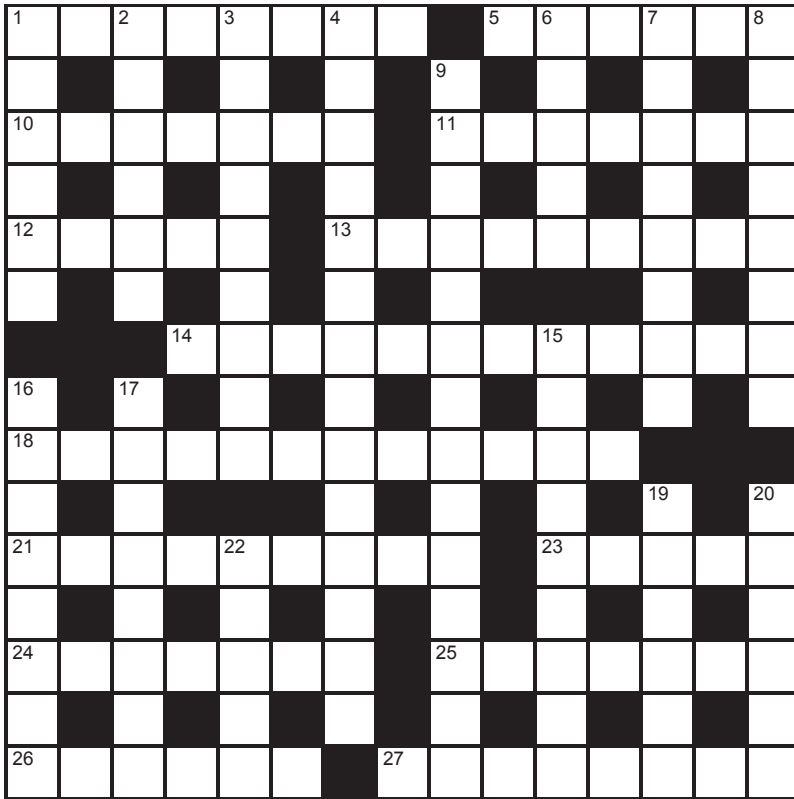


CROSSWORD

No 17,129 Set by REDSHANK



ACROSS

- 1 Skirt to expose thigh? (8)
- 5 Black Death maybe switching sides in capital (6)
- 10 Academic and judge (ret'd) hold out (7)
- 11 They could be lights in northern peninsula (7)
- 12 Frank and Harry sat beside politician (5)
- 13 Study of tissue record for Republican in the past (9)
- 14 Again renders revised rentals, cutting costs (12)
- 18 Is each lounge refurbished to include one? (6,6)
- 21 My French poet pens ordinary speech (9)
- 23 Saw a daughter grow up (5)
- 24 Risk inhibiting Spain on that account (7)
- 25 Animal fat writer tucked into on way back (7)
- 26 Dislike crack laced with other drugs (6)
- 27 Like Welsh girl wolfing your old tongue (8)

DOWN

- 1 Stand up to work, then sit (6)
- 2 It's staggering in river to and fro (3-3)
- 3 Long-term cons welcome work-out with English lords (4,5)
- 4 Men the navy left in dark times producing colourful display (8,6)
- 6 Rambling on a bit, in a manner of speaking (5)
- 7 Apply throttle, change gear, keeping right over the top (8)
- 8 Writer is in Corsica, holding sway over island (8)
- 9 Items carried by sewers creating a sensation (4,3,7)
- 15 Double up with a party member expressing praise (9)
- 16 Sword wound? Setter's taken in by it (8)
- 17 They put on coats *in loco parentis* (8)
- 19 Trip in South Africa foolishly bypassing Cape (6)
- 20 Female hosts a soirée without compromise (4-2)
- 22 Right to retain one reward for late night? (3-2)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,128

