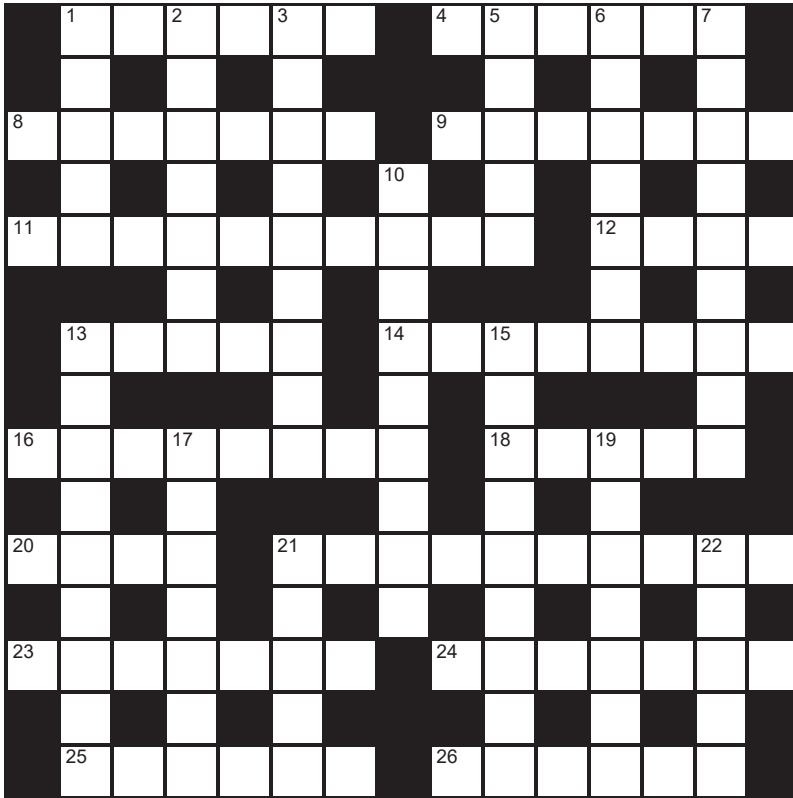


CROSSWORD

No 17,212 Set by MUDD



ACROSS

- 1 Shakespearean character, is one in trousers? (6)
- 4 Extraordinary phrase, being of the highest order (6)
- 8 Speed around local boat (7)
- 9 A setter after cheese for Japanese snack (7)
- 11 Good number by singer, on the whole (10)
- 12 Trump coarse, by the sound of it? (4)
- 13 Stay with jet at the rear – here? (5)
- 14 Physically turning spinner, circle maintained (2,6)
- 16 Pass on second illicit payment (8)
- 18 Course taken by world leader in research overwhelmed by final tribute? (5)
- 20 Get out, using pipe down middle of roof (4)
- 21 Something sweet: minimum of Pernod served after alcoholic drink angers drunk (6,4)
- 23 Stone editor moved on to page (7)
- 24 Article in short old and rusty, originally, for museum worker (7)
- 25 Alien eating African food (6)
- 26 Band that connects number with lecturer (6)

DOWN

- 1 Excellent swimmer (5)
- 2 Reference under suspicion, took steps in Buenos Aires? (7)
- 3 Players play with her actors (9)
- 5 They say I used to own a duck! (5)
- 6 Lover married rogue (7)
- 7 For month bombs consuming England's capital, civilians united in war (4,5)
- 10 On the wane, hour in dropping (9)
- 13 Privilege claimed by elite, most incandescent (9)
- 15 Try ordinary language, dear (9)
- 17 Shrewd leader wrapping the present (7)
- 19 Bird in shoot pumped full of lead (7)
- 21 Beef fattened up, by the sound of it? (5)
- 22 Dress a little salad, or not? (5)

JOTTER PAD

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