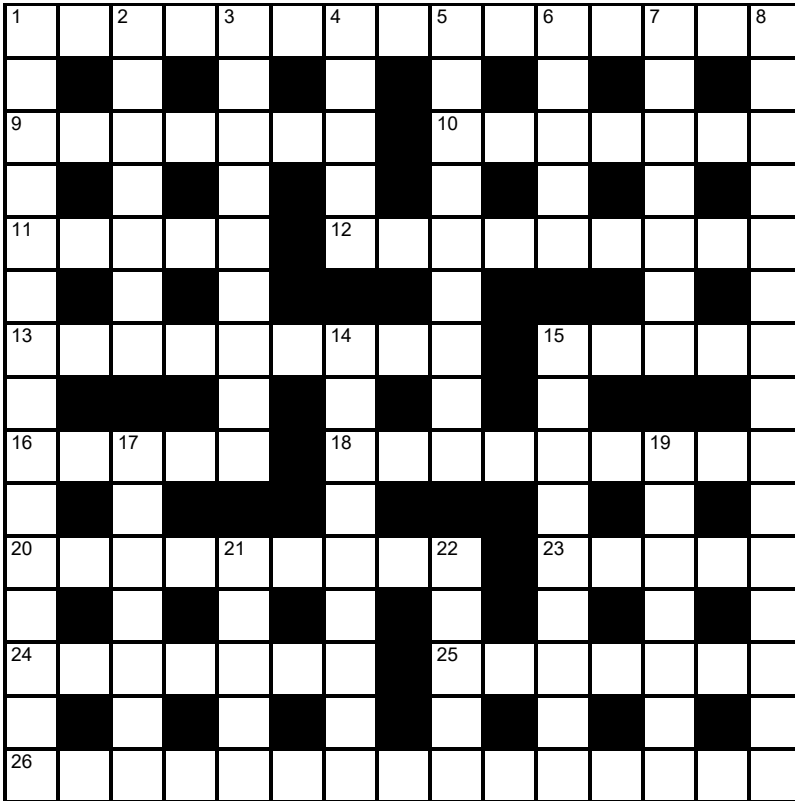


# CROSSWORD

No 17,390 Set by BUCCANEER



## ACROSS

- 1 Business welcomes a city in Oz's help? That's novel (4,4,2,5)
- 9 Service with drink rapidly becomes a disappointment (3-4)
- 10 A great striker initially playing a blinder (4,3)
- 11 Maybe sounds like a Berkshire home has green lights around (5)
- 12 Scaly creature, fleet but tailless, I'm going to love (9)
- 13 Taints and stains here cut out (9)
- 15 Cake one will give raccoon-like animal (5)
- 16 Go off beer, drinking sizable cups (5)
- 18 Gathering around empty Slough building again (9)
- 20 Dribbles past Everton's wingers? They hold people in thrall (9)
- 23 Curiously diagonal walls in ancient kingdom (5)
- 24 Big cat crossing river with grunt (7)
- 25 Grotesque fences round hotel in Turkish city (7)
- 26 Occupant of chair goes for surprise parties (6,9)

## DOWN

- 1 Pair up with composer, boring chap one accompanies (6,9)
- 2 Person chanting about cracking football club (7)
- 3 Low number keeping quiet, getting banned intoxicant (9)
- 4 One with working capital raised in Greek region (5)
- 5 Choose current films — they exude positivity (9)
- 6 What Angus might wear in a party in Cardiff? (5)
- 7 Finery of Spanish outfit including grand insignia on the outside (7)
- 8 A checker of accounts, I spot error — high jinks involving head of accounting (15)
- 14 Husband and wife admitting sore bum in thong (9)
- 15 Monarch wanting seconds eats extravagant dessert (9)
- 17 Cleaner roughly donning camp attire (7)
- 19 During party, men succeeded taking shelter (7)
- 21 I'm leaving something rolled gold covers (5)
- 22 Soldier's accessory, extremely stylish, a big hit (5)

## JOTTER PAD

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