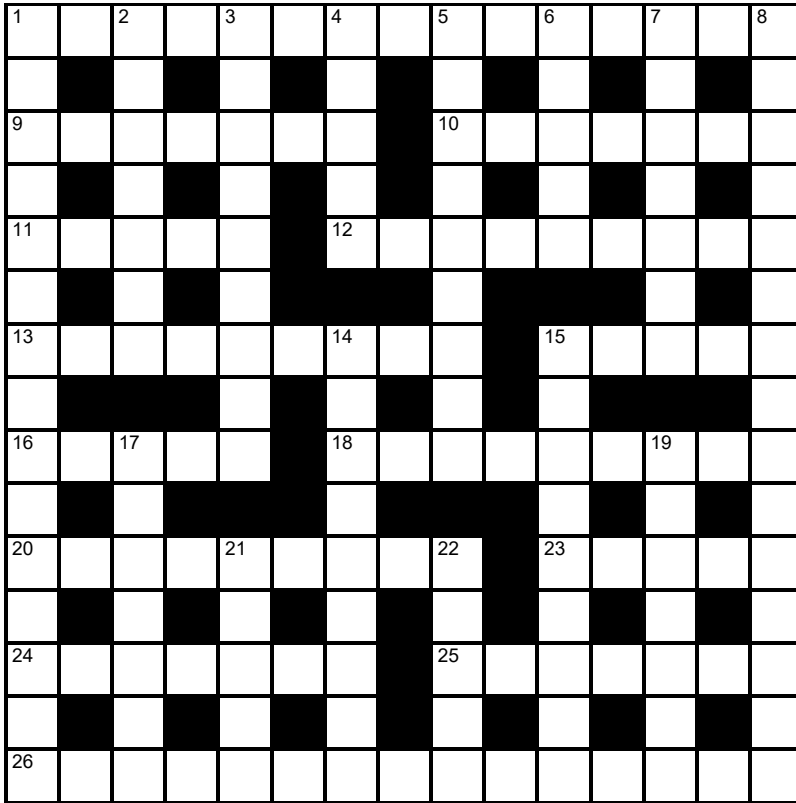


# CROSSWORD

No 17,544 Set by JULIUS



## ACROSS

- 1 Italian probes AAA giant PLCs hit by revenue charge (7,5,3)
- 9 Defame Fern after changing sides (7)
- 10 Stop Iran harbour catching fish (7)
- 11 Planet core hot to the east (5)
- 12 A red deer going out around noon hit from behind by a car (4-5)
- 13 Look carefully at opener for Lord's Test series — they might bat (9)
- 15 Pessimist starts to cancel yearly National Insurance contributions (5)
- 16 Brilliance of chapter in revolutionary tale (5)
- 18 Halfway through some basic maths, by the sea in France when it's hot? (9)
- 20 Like orbiting fashionable society groups? (2,7)
- 23 Tube accepts American money (5)
- 24 Lobbying corruptly to have a bishop sacked in an ungentlemanly way (7)
- 25 Educator sadly leaves university design movement (3,4)
- 26 With which those hoping to kick the habit get plastered? (8,7)

## DOWN

- 1 Which might show live celebs at No1 behaving badly? (5,10)
- 2 Runs into couple that is plain (7)
- 3 Gain courage from the karate chop? (4,5)
- 4 Solitary character extended golf breaks (5)
- 5 Rated dad getting up changing diapers (9)
- 6 Spanish chap cycling from Scandinavia? (5)
- 7 Listening to radio song — terrible noise! (5,2)
- 8 They hang around the house until early January (4,11)
- 14 Hay animal chewed is from the highest mountains (9)
- 15 Caught up-to-date broadcast — it's a revolution! (4,5)
- 17 Secular Tory is boring, terse, to the point (7)
- 19 Scottish King introducing an honour to American subject (7)
- 21 Carry off old time machine (5)
- 22 Rascal removing tail from Dublin Bay prawns (5)

## JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,543

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