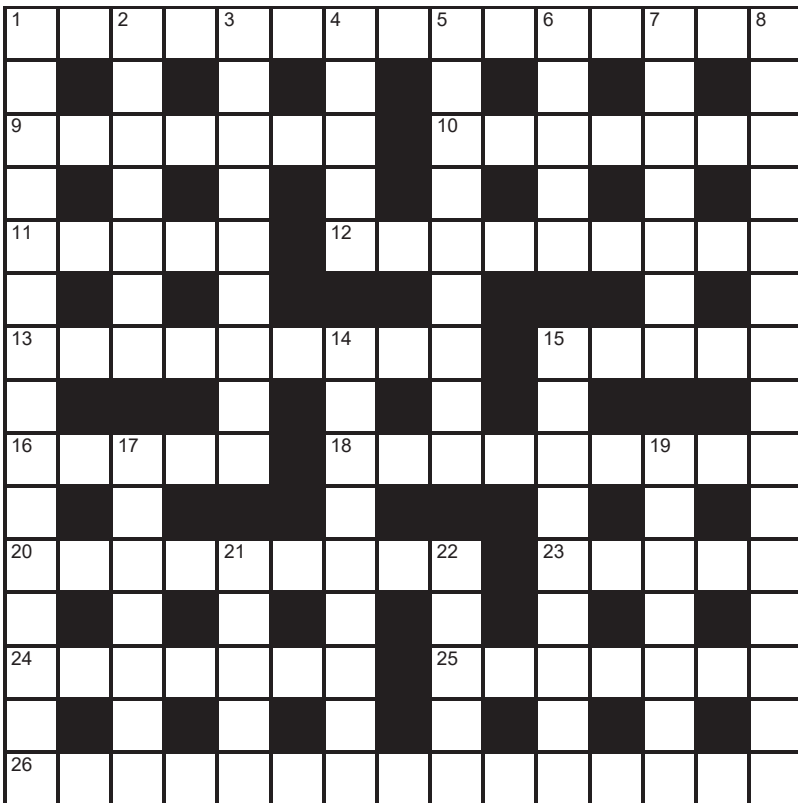


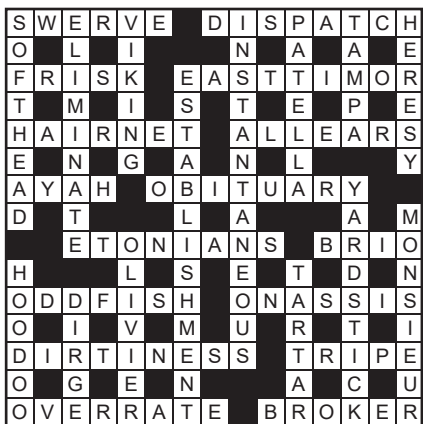
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## ACROSS

- 1 Demonic choir alarms cast in ghost story (1,9,5)
- 9 Tentatively backed restriction involving closure of Scotland Yard (7)
- 10 Publication of dates and facts helping to represent Neanderthal man accurately (7)
- 11 Learning about adopting new register (5)
- 12 English school certainly introduces problem for reader (9)
- 13 Recall small screen almost broadcast arrests (9)
- 15 Gun emplacement briefly protecting this country's defensive assets (5)
- 16 Officers have to abandon ship (5)
- 18 Favourite part I'm unsure is crude (9)
- 20 Wasted reporter's head cradled by more competent senior colleague (9)
- 23 One who wades in, ultimately after brave man (5)
- 24 Add value to skin on lips and moisturise? (7)
- 25 Partners book actors for modern production (7)
- 26 Crossing a fine line might be his downfall (9,6)

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## JOTTER PAD

## DOWN

- 1 Immediately when bowler goes to ground? (2,3,4,2,1,3)
- 2 Dull sound of drone instrument (7)
- 3 Lack of productivity on decline following reorganisation (9)
- 4 Ingredient of healthy meal? (5)
- 5 Humiliation is core element of sad American story (9)
- 6 Regular visitor viewed overhead as part of income tax (5)
- 7 Managed to fire rifle (7)
- 8 Men's sons chortle about being difficult to find (4,4,7)
- 14 Who potentially rose up to protect this woman? (9)
- 15 What never affected performances of The New Seekers or The Modern Lovers? (9)
- 17 Quiet jibe about elected party (7)
- 19 Organ score set aside for particular occasion (7)
- 21 What makes soldiers drink? (5)
- 22 Search for water in blue ocean endlessly (5)



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