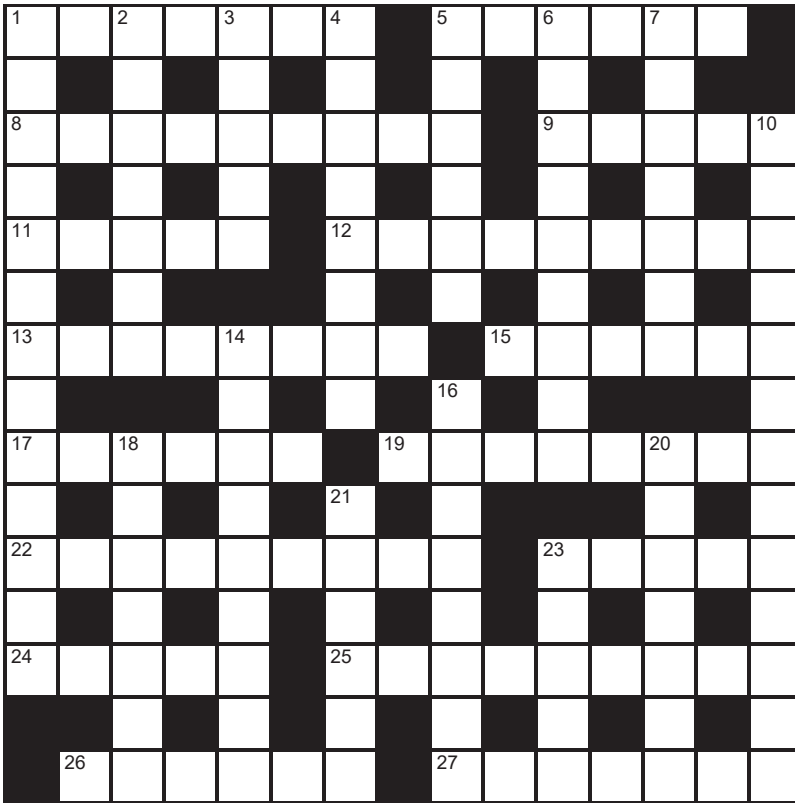


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ACROSS

- 1 Liberal backing secures unionist party development (5,2)
- 5 Teams of 4 kids chasing first spot (6)
- 8 Fossil fuel supplier and oilman offset carbon ahead of energy reading (4,5)
- 9 Ringing family at weekend (5)
- 11 Comes close to crying heading off after final production (5)
- 12 Setter defeated by computer technology? (2,5,2)
- 13 Drink's provided following weary Dad's return (8)
- 15 Suitable for all to have one day on horseback in the country (6)
- 17 Detective to take legal action about son's neglect (6)
- 19 Cruelly ready to puncture mother's reverie (8)
- 22 Representing Icení over-simply is wrong (9)
- 23 Stings best treated without iodine (5)
- 24 Tube's outside university accommodation (5)
- 25 Scottish island copper finally arrested a big fish (9)
- 26 Difficult for seabird having tiny wings (6)
- 27 Applied to have old tree chopped down (7)

Solution 17,712



JOTTER PAD

DOWN

- 1 Bar, welcoming business in Kentish Town, provides breakfast fare (5,8)
- 2 Bewildered by naiad sporting with Zeus? Not half! (2,1,4)
- 3 Gets rid of politician involved in endless smut (5)
- 4 Tentatively plan writer abridging a bit of dialogue at the end of chapter one (6,2)
- 5 Washes medic's uniform (6)
- 6 Unmoved, international organisation has conservative suspended (9)
- 7 Dead issue absorbing tabloid is going on too long (5,2)
- 10 Very eager to have newly unmasked star hosting episode's finale (4,2,7)
- 14 Pressing hospital department to support organised sit-ins (9)
- 16 Happy going round Spain without a vehicle (8)
- 18 Stay very neutral describing day in Paris (7)
- 20 Put in charge of sorting out unrest overwhelming Thailand (7)
- 21 Quickly hiding money in trash, turned up largely cleaned out (6)
- 23 Irregular verb answer's put in bold (5)



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