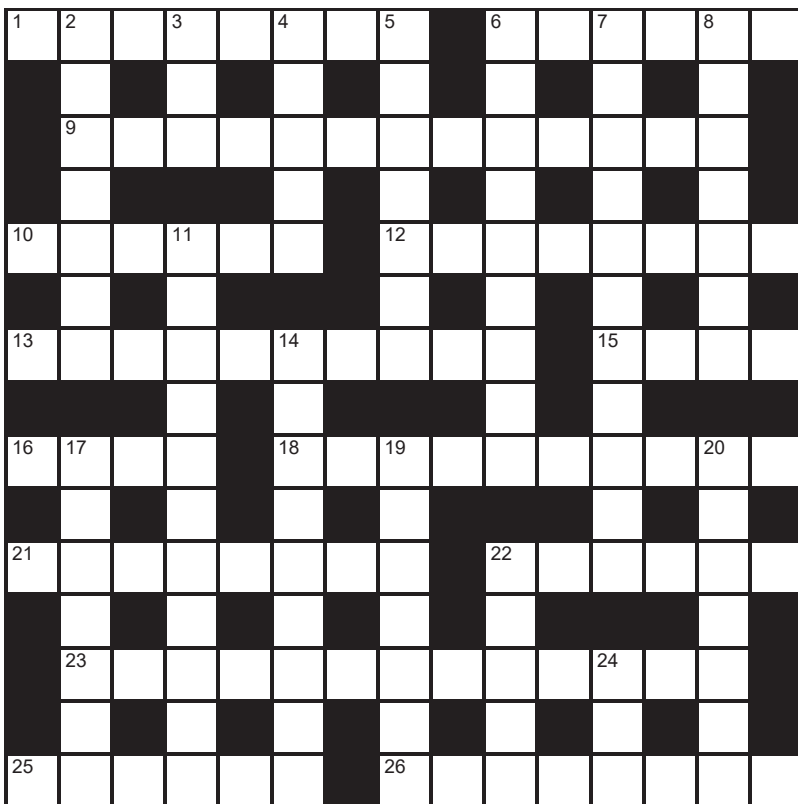


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JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Saddle and rope skilfully thrown over mammoth (8)
- 6 Group of members decided on yearly fee (6)
- 9 Young lady downs bodily fluid, funny bad taste (7,6)
- 10 Arabic name African prince tried to keep secret (6)
- 12 Ask private, one just embarking (8)
- 13 Crashpad a man developed protects fallers (4,3,3)
- 15 Carry child back from playdate (4)
- 16 Likely winners missing start of Ascot, perhaps (4)
- 18 Covering chest, sensor bespoke good health (10)
- 21 Fighter switched crude strategy after four failures, perhaps (8)
- 22 Simple things like ballpoint pens and spades (6)
- 23 Baby expert backed scheme to impregnate hereditary peer (13)
- 25 Parisian's salad French? That's understood (6)
- 26 Maybe skipper's binding Essex's opener into playing for Kent (4,4)

DOWN

- 2 Wary taking a drug abroad (2,5)
- 3 Buried treasure well recovered? (3)
- 4 Oscar puts on gloves, conversely making head warmer (5)
- 5 See paintbrush not yet in the bag (7)
- 6 Sorts regularly hiding horse inside mule? (9)
- 7 Ridge poles set on new American houses (11)
- 8 Serious organ music causes vibrations in home (7)
- 11 Hot shifting some pianos, the upright type (4,7)
- 14 Relation arrived wanting mother to provide accommodation (9)
- 17 Cold drink for each bell ringer? (7)
- 19 Habitual complainer wants bill voided by diner (7)
- 20 Briefly view apartment block in Manhattan, the lower part (7)
- 22 Bishop on bicycle, last to arrive for service (5)
- 24 Mark permanently a little sunburned without cap (3)