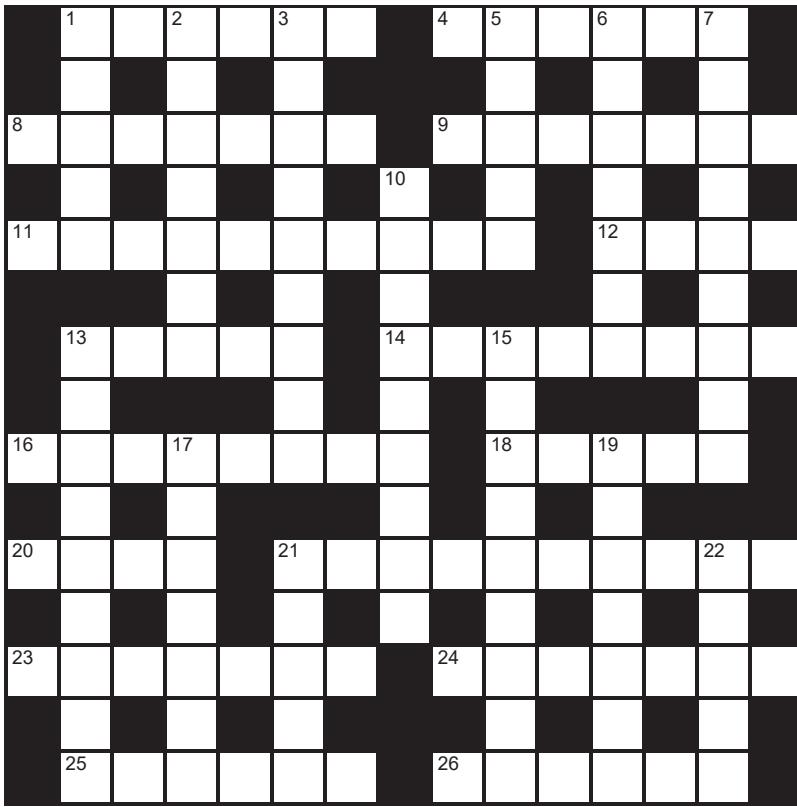
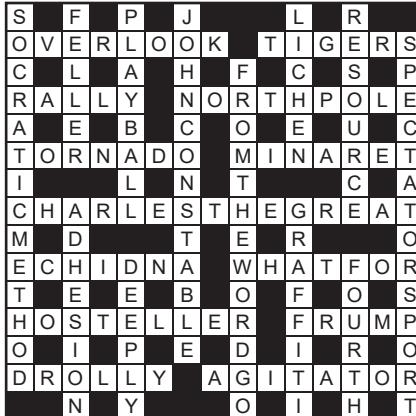


CROSSWORD No 17,788 by MOO



Solution 17,786



Scan the QR code to access FT crosswords over the last 30 days — cryptic, Polymath, Weekend and Sunday puzzles — or go to ft.com/crosswordapp

ACROSS

- 1 Tennis player in need of absolution? (6)
- 4 A kid in command? (2,4)
- 8 Deeply embarrassed Tory biting lip, close to tears (7)
- 9 Passable route? Driver hopes to find one (7)
- 11 Spiteful chap getting aggressive, kicking one out (10)
- 12 God, that's flipping painful! (4)
- 13 Retired teacher greeting PM once (5)
- 14 Supporter of the sculptural arts? (8)
- 16 Initially much pressure on one's lover (8)
- 18 At which one may burn a piece of meat, they say (5)
- 20 Affected to be a Frenchman in Communist Party (4)
- 21 Sly observer going round quietly with prostitute (7,3)
- 23 Progressive artist caught in slur (7)
- 24 Caftan I designed for an enthusiast (7)
- 25 Blake ruefully looking back, stifling triumphant cry (6)
- 26 Gentleman in river getting the hots (6)

JOTTER PAD

DOWN

- 1 Uplifting songs about young country (5)
- 2 Tracks that might relieve one's pain? (7)
- 3 Save befuddled Moo's niece! (9)
- 5 Disquisition the listener's followed (5)
- 6 Bald Cockney is so stuffy! (7)
- 7 Complicated tale a Boer concocted (9)
- 10 Jail drug dealer, a clerk (9)
- 13 Think differently about John Lennon song (9)
- 15 Throw away pasties daughter and I cooked (9)
- 17 Really good drugs programme on TV (3,4)
- 19 Ready for a trip to Kabul? (7)
- 21 Dimwit changing sides for a joke (5)
- 22 This woman's in love, as it happens (5)