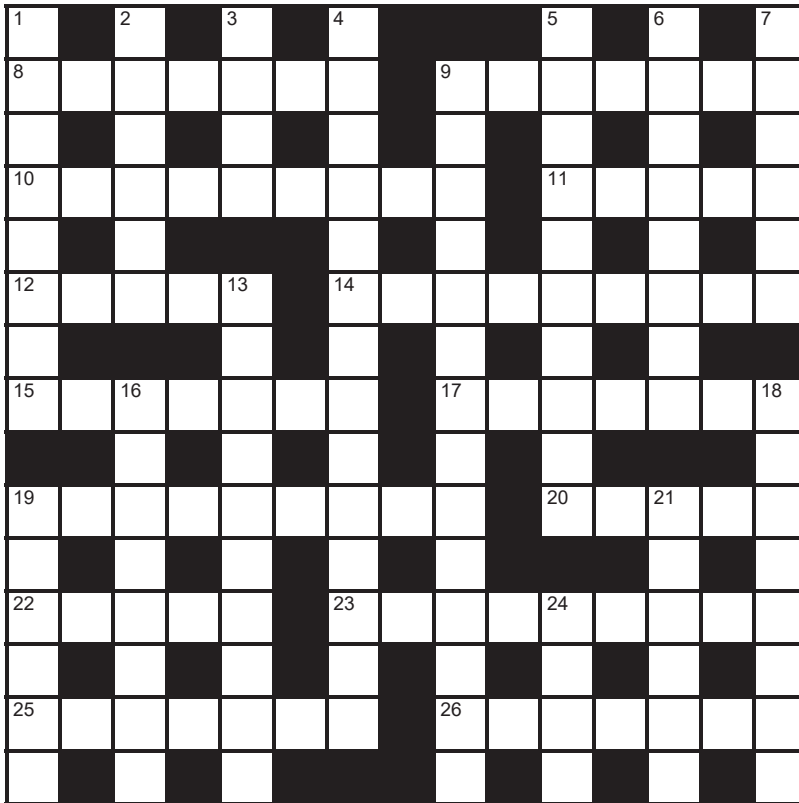


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ACROSS

- 8 Poor orphan cut by old spear (7)
- 9 Stuffed by lying about permit before end of leave (7)
- 10 Rapidly produces runs, sadly dismissed after catch on the boundary? (6,3)
- 11 Partners work with office that closes early (5)
- 12 Discharge international soldiers around Switzerland (5)
- 14 One appointed to control fighter, say, in the making? (4,5)
- 15 Harder to get caught wearing what puts off birds? (7)
- 17 Pals battalion finally burned cloaks by terminus in Calais (7)
- 19 Mass over, filmed OU student grabbing a drink (9)
- 20 Drums used in Costa Blanca (5)
- 22 Psalm writer, one following bible carried by learned theologian (5)
- 23 Carefully attentive voters ban liberal (9)
- 25 Elegant gold unknown plant (7)
- 26 Sticky sucker pulled back rodent, breaking off tail (7)

DOWN

- 1 Vocal pair among cowards swapped registrations of new arrivals? (5-3)
- 2 Good right that hurts bellyacher (6)
- 3 Trick US ladies or gents (4)
- 4 Indian admin division, one checking on gaffe involving sex industry's closure (5,9)
- 5 Not wholly how many pyramids were built? (2,2,1,5)
- 6 High-flyer very quietly crowning priest in branch of Buddhism (8)
- 7 Plots held up by computing room (6)
- 9 Dealt with spies for ages at customs (5,2,7)
- 13 Hod carrier battered anonymous defendant (7,3)
- 16 Valediction from intermittently vague wanderer crossing island from the south (2,6)
- 18 Know-it-all brooded on stuff about boarding ship (8)
- 19 Doctor snubbed merchant family over nothing (6)
- 21 Danger sign in advice to offend? (6)
- 24 Mark's assuming blame for negative inclination? (4)

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