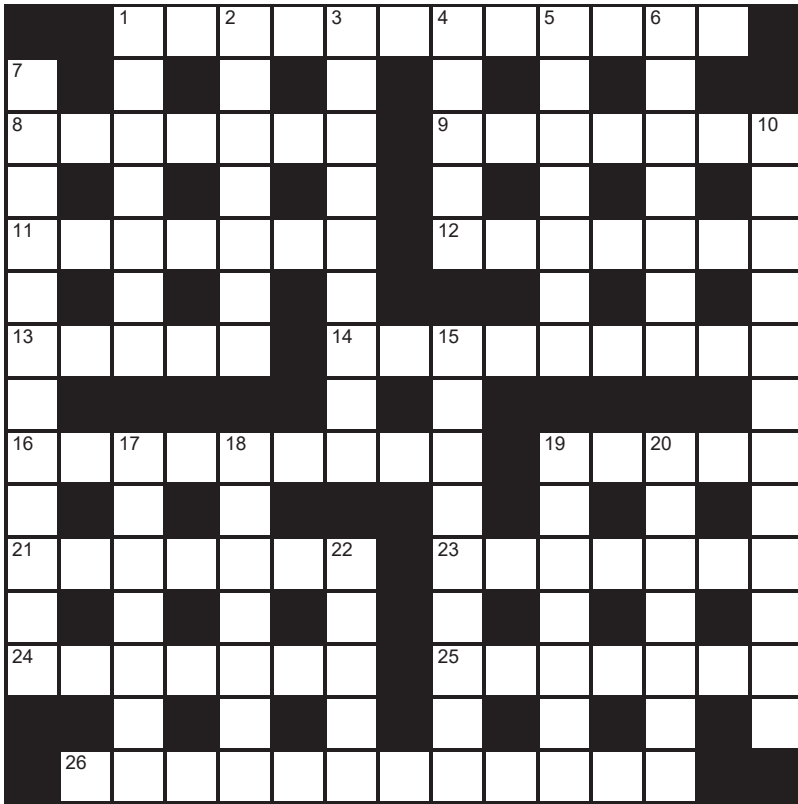


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ACROSS

- 1 Rock musician with dope facing reporter's questions (7,5)
- 8 Old National Trust kiln powerless? (2,5)
- 9 Light jabber hit softly (3,4)
- 11 Mind-blowing experience Colin uncovered somewhere on the Med (7)
- 12 Spanish agreed to enter joint conflict (7)
- 13 French barman perhaps gave it a shake, partly on counter (5)
- 14 Government protest changing crux of medieval battle (9)
- 16 Data latterly ignored one senior baseball player (9)
- 19 Warmer, relative to Hebrides at first (5)
- 21 Penny switches to tango in spotted thing that dancer often wears (7)
- 23 Stray addict's opening declaration of inferiority? (7)
- 24 Son getting money in the main for poetic style (7)
- 25 Dog having picked up garland, snoozes (7)
- 26 Artist's cleaning procedure, with spirit, seen in Irish media (4,8)

DOWN

- 1 Special language surrounding meditation, one that attracts Tom? (7)
- 2 Contemporary ending to Ezra Pound poem (1,2,4)
- 3 Set and match! Party arranged finally for tennis champion (6,3)
- 4 Capsized US recruit among the boatmen? (5)
- 5 As Premiership team's losing 2 - 1, support is constant? (7)
- 6 Previous head Tongan occasionally adopts exotic dress (7)
- 7 Challenger at bridge protects English town (5,7)
- 10 One's played a bit before game against the French (5,7)
- 15 Horse around in Liverpool water, avoiding unknown river diver (9)
- 17 Exchange amorous petting (7)
- 18 Devious sinner claiming payment card that's turned up (7)
- 19 Packet pasty, in middle, hot air (7)
- 20 Former ace that waits for no man? (3-4)
- 22 Small drink to overcome a crisis (5)

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