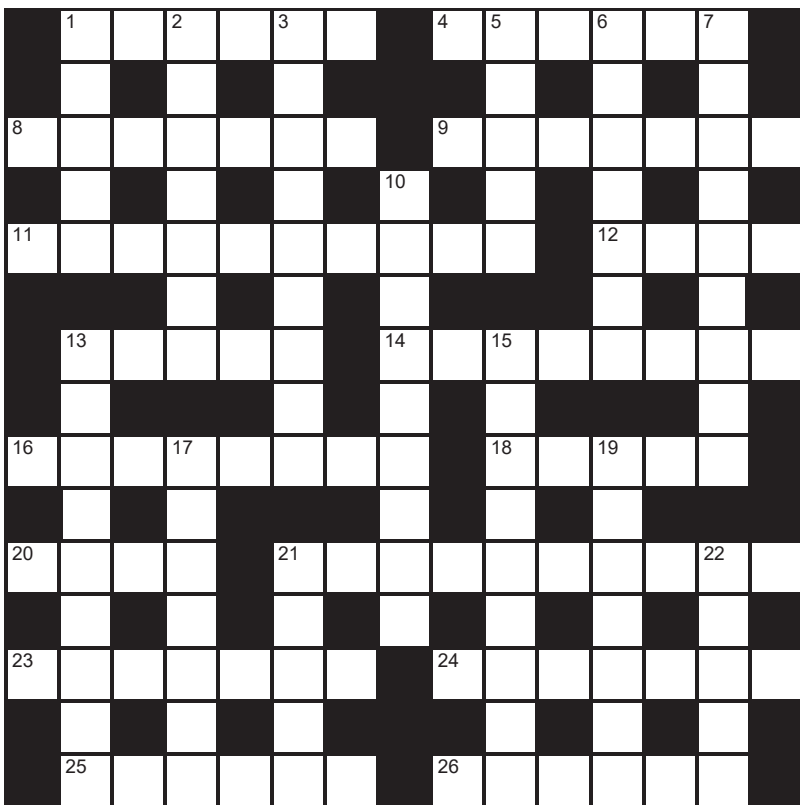


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JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Swear Sheeran's back with model (6)
- 4 Taxi driver might not keep quiet (4,2)
- 8 Joke about educated woman, a prude (7)
- 9 Teacher fell over in sleeping quarters (7)
- 11 Sad old starlets drinking last of liquor — no other option (4,6)
- 12 Aussie occasionally beginning to flip? I don't believe you (2,2)
- 13 Tory perhaps not completely left out (5)
- 14 Restrained delinquent youth inhaling solvent (8)
- 16 Money for campaign backing Green case (3,5)
- 18 Bishop embracing great competitor on track (5)
- 20 Couple I ran into travelling west (4)
- 21 Finding Bob intractable on this occasion? (3,4,3)
- 23 Squad with no shortage of firepower? (7)
- 24 Doorman Victor half-cut on New Year's day (7)
- 25 One watching weight put off hosting Moo (6)
- 26 British losing fight with European PM (6)

DOWN

- 1 Labour supporter (5)
- 2 Duck eaten by dramatist's dog (7)
- 3 Tears prey apart for fat (5,4)
- 5 Raise editor's case with English court (5)
- 6 Sailors with second bit of meat served raw (7)
- 7 I prefer to badly overcharge (9)
- 10 Foreign force tired out but showing courage (9)
- 13 Drunk did some decorating (9)
- 15 Woman berating dreadful German tat (9)
- 17 Liberal ignoring entire contest (7)
- 19 Friendly drink (7)
- 21 Bank of Scotland welcoming Conservative's support (5)
- 22 A sub reportedly abandoned (5)



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