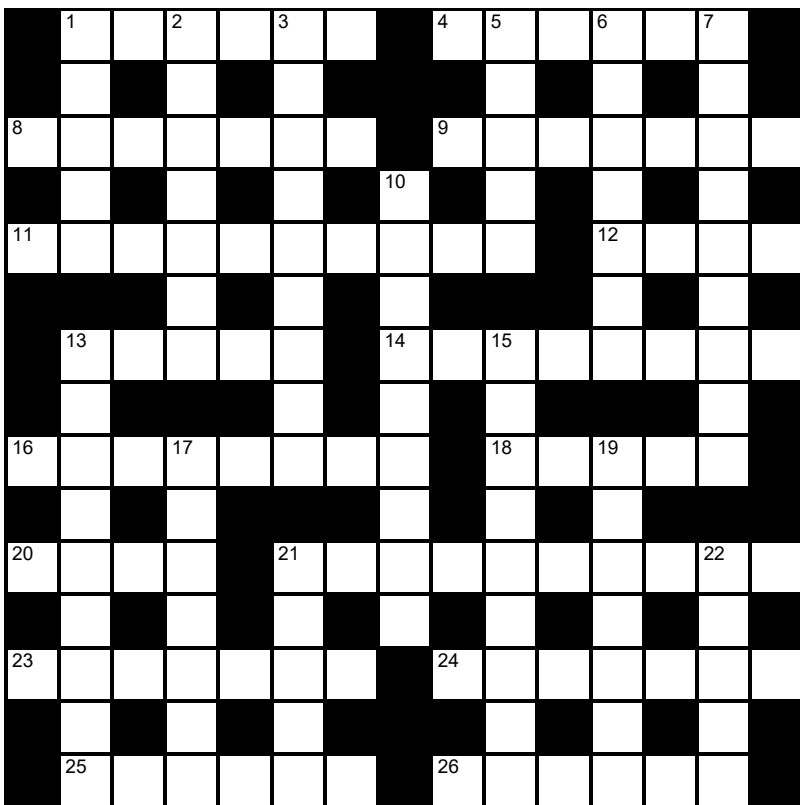


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JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Calm in US city after pressure on police (6)
- 4 Let go by Portsmouth initially when taking to drink (4,2)
- 8 Act as an eccentric in game (7)
- 9 Something done to employ graduates rendered less valuable (7)
- 11 Cleared off after cool party in Number 10 some time ago (6,4)
- 12 That's right by beginning of taxi rank (4)
- 13 See GI affected by military operation (5)
- 14 Not safe for ten days unfortunately after you said... (8)
- 16 ...'alcoholic drink bottling certain to be considered' (8)
- 18 Arrogant prince starts to offend unhappy duke (5)
- 20 The Italian doctor set about acting gently (4)
- 21 Deny the truth of princess visiting shrink (10)
- 23 First of Cessna's tailed Flying Fortress (7)
- 24 A couple from Richmond finding refereeing aid left inside at end of rugby competition (7)
- 25 Painfully sensitive about doctor becoming melancholy (6)
- 26 Utilise record against Germany with the Italian youngsters at the outset (6)

DOWN

- 1 Intend to keep current flat (5)
- 2 Approach at first altered largely over Conservative's cupidity (7)
- 3 Apparent in Bevin there arguing at the back (2,3,4)
- 5 Prevent state visit finally (5)
- 6 Rock painting inside stumped the French (7)
- 7 Warbeck did it before tenor finished (9)
- 10 About to get horse books accommodating lawyer no longer needed (9)
- 13 Particularly mentions uncertainty in variety (9)
- 15 Susie distraught describing weirdo in control (9)
- 17 Overlook briefly turning up toting expensive pistol (7)
- 19 Occasional howl heard? Strange (7)
- 21 Obvious with the king involving guide for the most part (5)
- 22 Shout grabbing artist taken aback by bear (5)