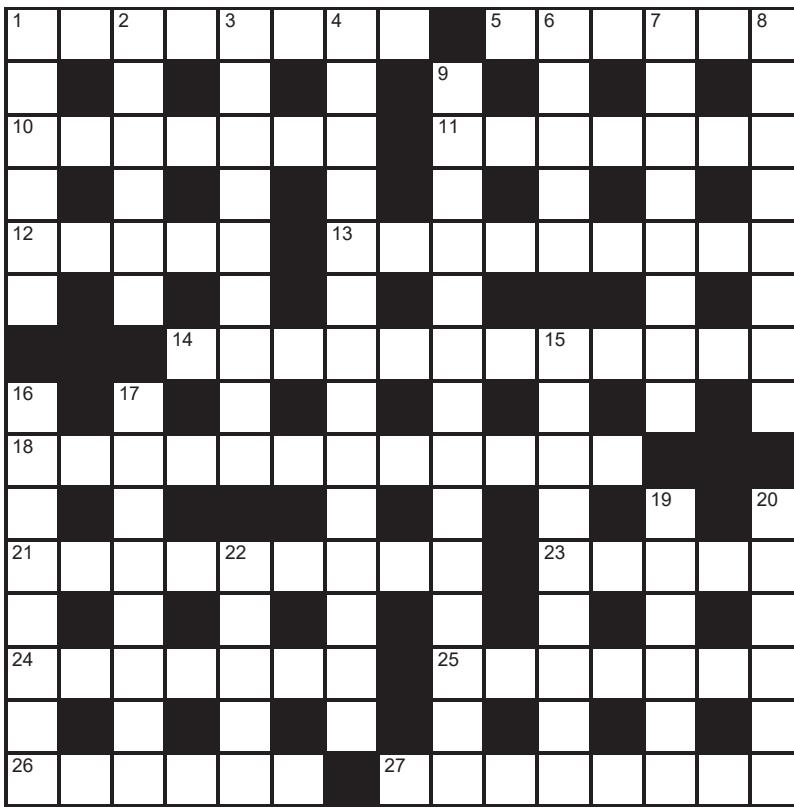


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ACROSS

- 1 Cross-channel boat, transport reversed into by judge (3,5)
- 5 Grant set off in front (6)
- 10 Capital of Lesotho is initially seen on holiday (7)
- 11 Pub drink, did you say? Jump the queue! (5,2)
- 12 Leader eliminated on Mediterranean island in aloof manner (5)
- 13 Numbered group goes with them, I gathered (9)
- 14 Coronation artefact, rock cake? (5,2,5)
- 18 Honorary title easy, as my lord is decorated (4,8)
- 21 Bud's opening in high plant (9)
- 23 Portrait that is on the outside of publication (5)
- 24 River in South America, alternatively in old Congo, drained (7)
- 25 Cinema travelled to, start eating, rustling initially muffled (5-2)
- 26 Figure with sore back, painful to touch (6)
- 27 At once sister is working after beginning on itinerary (2,6)

DOWN

- 1 Blooming cluster — Tom, his wife and kittens? (6)
- 2 Fruit farmin' (6)
- 3 Finally, people stop supporting comfortable living arrangement (9)
- 4 A New Year sober, I suspect? Look surprised! (5,2,7)
- 6 Heron nesting, in the end, in different tree (5)
- 7 In direct conflict, as one progresses along line of piggies? (3-2-3)
- 8 Rover I'm not sure will go twice after stick (8)
- 9 Will you excuse me, huh? (1,3,4,6)
- 15 Cary Grant movie that's funny is on, American film screened (9)
- 16 Fish after fish served up — be a kipper elsewhere? (5,3)
- 17 Fuss over moot point, choice of candidate (8)
- 19 Requirement for mash taster after mashing! (6)
- 20 Marker and name on flag (6)
- 22 Weight and number for gas (5)

JOTTER PAD