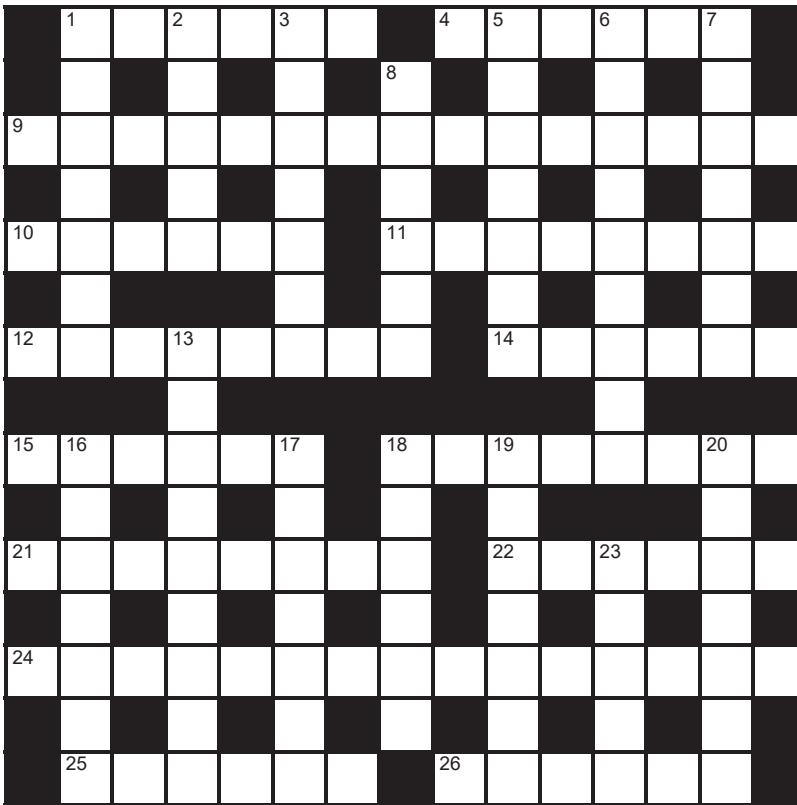


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ACROSS

- 1 Risk modification after Conservative steps in for good (6)
- 4 Web designer's documentation kept by retiring salesmen (6)
- 9 Mutual allusions in angry testimonials (5-10)
- 10 What offers a point that could keep Derby on top? (6)
- 11 Observing one insulating current going round engine starter? (8)
- 12 All that is poetry introduced by eg Oxford (8)
- 14 Snub Polish once more (6)
- 15 Getting larger, songbird loses heart (6)
- 18 Overseer, ours very dodgy (8)
- 21 Far from the coast, bury French king after revolution (8)
- 22 Unusable snooker cue may have this warning (3-3)
- 24 Service external to the NHS unusually appreciative about CT scanner finally being installed (7,8)
- 25 Wandering tirade on former monarch (6)
- 26 Laugh inspires street clown (6)

DOWN

- 1 Confident first recorded murderer hides regret, off and on (7)
- 2 Old tale-teller's first-class attitude brought up (5)
- 3 My expert public functionary (7)
- 5 Catch up with Republican associate (7)
- 6 Bedfordshire town's bridges essentially wobbly (9)
- 7 Recite without effort, having feel for performing (4,3)
- 8 American female — delicate relation by marriage (6)
- 13 Volume on zero? Perhaps freeze background narration (5-4)
- 16 Head of academy revamped entire course (7)
- 17 Knitted singlet to sparkle (7)
- 18 Rubbish buried in Home Counties causes conflict (6)
- 19 Hectic routine of artist having to go over existing work? (3,4)
- 20 Maybe cop off with nice topless Romeo (7)
- 23 Small piece of advice that could be given to puppy owner? (5)

JOTTER PAD