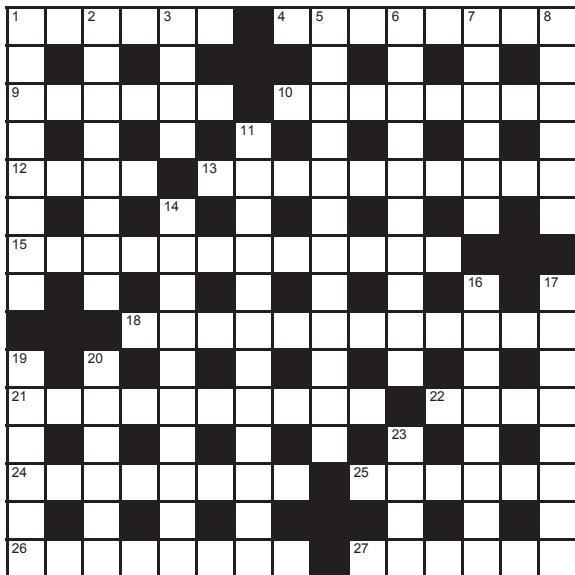


# CROSSWORD

## No. 15,884 Set by ALBERICH



JOTTER PAD

### ACROSS

- 1 Musician from Queen surrounded by supporters (6)
- 4 Insult outside club maybe leads to scraps (8)
- 9 Mum is regressing fast (6)
- 10 They drift in the ocean, not going back on board (8)
- 12 Retreat from scene, staggering somewhat (4)
- 13 Bowler hat shunned by scruffy English parent (3,7)
- 15 Brave, like pugilist outwardly? (5-7)
- 18 To get the best hand towels, he has to wander around Tunisia's capital (5,3,4)
- 21 Support playwright nursing one relation (10)
- 22 New online community member returns gift (4)
- 24 Aim to stop case of Rhine wine getting delivered (8)
- 25 Pilot's shot – using this? (6)
- 26 Campaigner has inclination to grab 'Arry's interest (8)
- 27 The woman's turned attention to judge again (6)

### DOWN

- 1 Doctor Seuss book about hot affair (8)
- 2 Reference is a deception – not the first one (8)
- 3 Mark bandages leg for brother (4)

- 5 One with desire to eat large helping, for example (12)
- 6 Am I not able to celebrate rising support? (10)
- 7 Evaluation is harsh, first off (6)
- 8 Soldier primarily positioned in front of gate? (6)
- 11 Sponsor has complaint about new performer (12)
- 14 Writing articles still for *The Listener* (10)
- 16 In the right over lost exotic bird (8)
- 17 Conman from Cornwall perhaps less active around November (8)
- 19 Paris shuffled last off mortal coil (6)
- 20 Toff's after top of range? Hang about! (6)
- 23 Capital punishment (4)

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