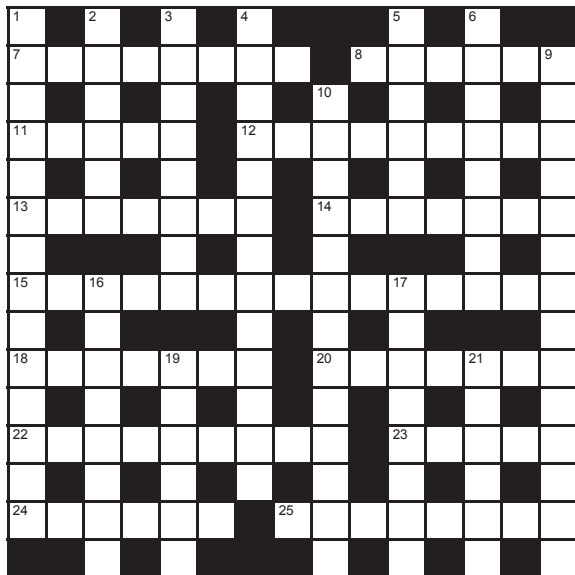


CROSSWORD

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JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 7 Used to see-through lid, for example (8)
- 8 A doctor admits freedom fighters in confidence (6)
- 11 FT's inoffensive message (5)
- 12 MoD cat has three eyes with an ear – freakish characteristic (9)
- 13 A couple suffers most woe (7)
- 14 Own and steer iron ship (7)
- 15 What an excitable committee member gets is a priority (4,2,3,6)
- 18 It makes sparkling muse follow a ringleader (7)
- 20 Searched for light, following turns in both directions (7)
- 22 Can batsman be Cook's assistant? (3,6)
- 23 Novel form mirrored in specific shape (3-2)
- 24 Forgetful miser's destitute (6)
- 25 Let off bible studies in theatre last night (8)

DOWN

- 1 Abandoned directions to the pulpit, maybe (4,2,3,5)
- 2 Refers to this three-nil thrashing (6)
- 3 Very good turn-out, old musician (8)

- 4 Clumsy way of speaking about oneself by lying (8-5)
- 5 Primitive celebrity secretary rejected (3-3)
- 6 Lights up Mancunian way (8)
- 9 Unwelcome adviser to support car club (4-4,6)
- 10 Produce plot for mess? (7,6)
- 16 He may have had reservations calling for jumper (8)
- 17 Guy's scholars have no such problem with list of terms (8)
- 19 In reality, pi's the key operator (6)
- 21 Even Eliot, in theory, is idle (6)

Solution 16,172

