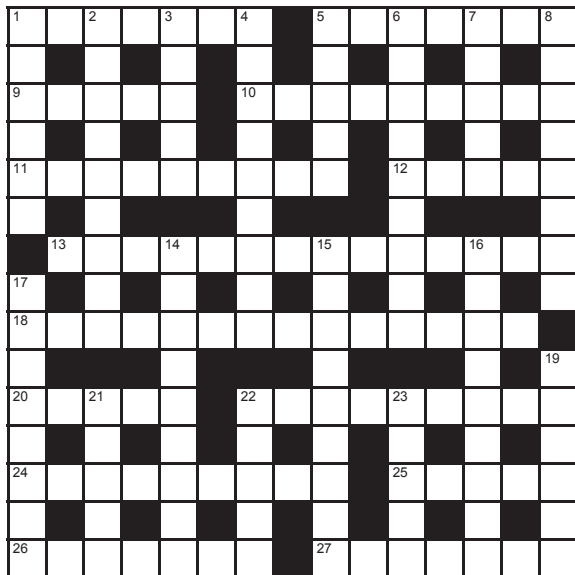


CROSSWORD

No. 16,026 Set by FALCON



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Sauce boat at a higher price (7)
- 5 Heading for Rotterdam, old vessel carrying English fruit (7)
- 9 Prepare to get into gear (5)
- 10 All things considered, loan can be arranged (2,7)
- 11 Not more than that new, imperfect tomes (2,3,4)
- 12 Religious people spending hour in river (5)
- 13 Dog in a grand bordello, barking (6,8)
- 18 Be on it, and dream wildly? (3-5,6)
- 20 Check on tailless bird in tree (5)
- 22 Flag-waving threesome in pact I suspect (9)
- 24 Rule mostly broken by key singer (9)
- 25 Member holding head of orchid with a distinctive smell (5)
- 26 Current offering (7)
- 27 Narrow lake shown in poster (7)

DOWN

- 1 Abduction of a kind, getting mixed press initially (6)
- 2 Score individual required in game (6-3)
- 3 Speed shown in running heats (5)
- 4 Say it, perhaps this, to a Parisian (9)
- 5 Automated machine, British in origin (5)

- 6 Tommy planned to keep going (7,2)
- 7 The man and daughter, catching on, pointed (5)
- 8 Excuse certain to cause amusement (8)
- 14 Sinister drug, an unknown quantity (4,5)
- 15 Bird in brass – a lot manufactured (9)
- 16 Timber washed ashore did for odd couple inside (9)
- 17 Takes in better paper (8)
- 19 Lace nutty Irish cake (6)
- 21 Compass showing north in storm (5)
- 22 Guide the Italian aboard vessel (5)
- 23 Crazy firing head of security – senseless (5)

Solution 16,025

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