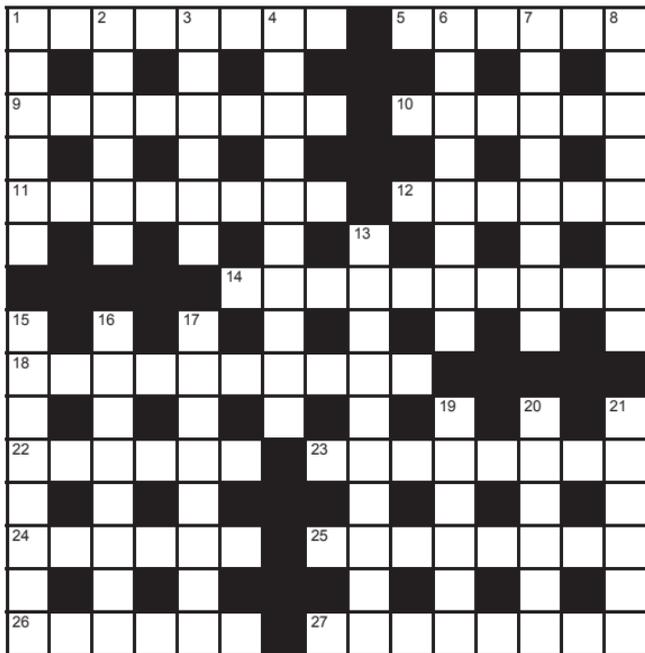


# CROSSWORD

## No. 16,185 Set by MONK



JOTTER PAD

### ACROSS

- 1 Having which, Lydia's ex might get daily sex? (8)
- 5 Roman cardinals wearing pretty number (6)
- 9 Talk on unknown ruler is exempt from tax (4-4)
- 10 First cut back when circulating piece (6)
- 11 In which you could find meat and two veg? (5,3)
- 12 Pull back 27, briefly grabbing top of ice axe (6)
- 14 British head of operations on base stamps report of war story? (4,6)
- 18 Bowler extremely wide, contributing to single? Remove bowler, possibly exasperated (7,3)
- 22 By chance, incurred ministry backing (6)
- 23 General Auchinleck taking lead with new host (8)
- 24 Fresh chapter that's surprising and ultimately funny (6)
- 25 Hit single in America - wicked quality (8)
- 26 Maybe volatile folk living before this commemoration (6)
- 27 State, in full form, all reasons at the outset (8)

### DOWN

- 1 With cleverness, overpower Zulus trapped in low ground between hills (6)
- 2 Several characters together run into police trap (6)
- 3 Unrefined, lusty husband getting demoted (6)

- 4 Enthusiastic about looks after consuming whisky, wavering (2,3,5)
- 6 Accompany ram, old, in wagon (4,4)
- 7 Possible epitaph for computers etc - this may proceed without restraint (3,2,3)
- 8 Plant pot under raised shelter (8)
- 13 Following complaint about larva, sent back fast food (10)
- 15 Front of extremely old vehicle turned up in despicable town (8)
- 16 Section of timber propping up display behind night-light? (8)
- 17 Observer wants working person that can draw? (8)
- 19 Final demand left by corporation - the last thing you'll hear? (6)
- 20 Experts succeeded to introduce constant approach (6)
- 21 Noises about European Union (6)

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