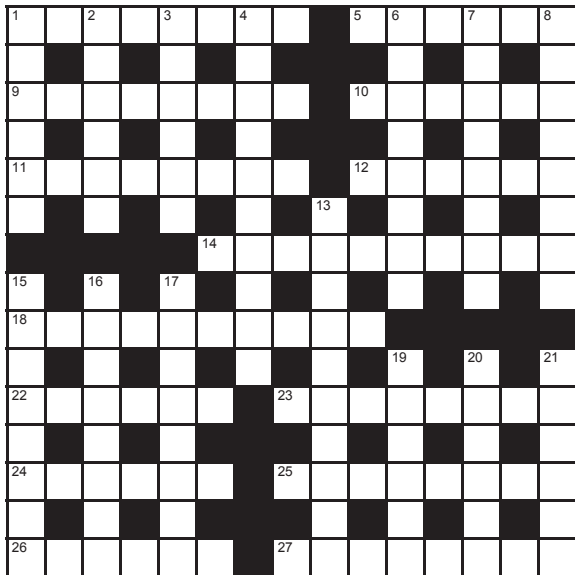


CROSSWORD

No. 16,145 Set by WANDERER



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1, 5 Book date with lover, say? Memory's useful for that (8,6)
- 9 Charge less than Greek character returning with reduction (two-thirds off) (8)
- 10 Twice No.1 birdcall (6)
- 11 Good friend of Mole enthrals you with one tip (8)
- 12 Playwright Jack maybe falls in love with? Just the opposite (6)
- 14 Warn pidgin changes tack in the US (7,3)
- 18 Portrait of upper body that could be a Goodman, Wiseman or Deighton? (4-6)
- 22 Ruth follows on horse, possibly difficult to control (6)
- 23 Where Tom in Paris potentially meets retired Muslim in North Africa? (4,4)
- 24 Expression of dismay as French cop mislays info about Spain (4,2)
- 25 Go after pine used for ornamental design in wood (8)
- 26, 27 Former No.1 cause of red nose – extremely drunk, following this order? (6,2,6)

DOWN

- 1 Following Twain's lead, it's harsh describing golf as a long and tedious walk (6)
- 2, 16 Meal on the plane, prepared for specific type of jumbo (6,8)

- 3 Come and go, with animation (4,2)
- 4 Arguably more mature worker is source of corruption (10)
- 6 First of headwords dictionary has for country dances (8)
- 7, 20 Offer from wicked sorcerer, possibly Mr Flood's pal (3,5,3,3)
- 8 Having some spring produce in garden's front border (8)
- 13 Other half of Wisconsin's affected by surprising change in the US (10)
- 15 Bear ought to eat root tops (8)
- 16 See 2
- 17 Grandfather clock? One that's long been in service (3-5)
- 19 A time entering change in the US, with husband going bust? (6)
- 20 See 7
- 21 Small donkey owner, ultimately one ignoring health warnings (6)

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