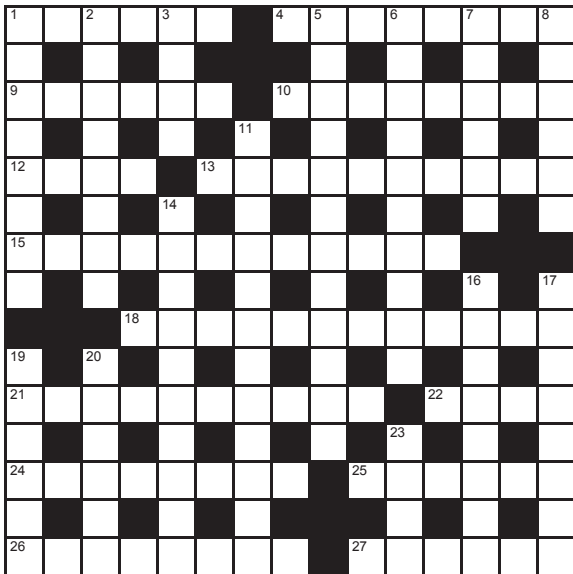


# CROSSWORD

No. 16,444 Set by ARMONIE



## ACROSS

- 1 Rascal set off for the OTC (6)
- 4 Is in Paris holding shipment of delicacy (8)
- 9 Agree condition at the time of despatch (6)
- 10 Rice came cooked in dessert (3,5)
- 12 Entice student to the river (4)
- 13 Displays cereal bowls (10)
- 15 Determined to keep prisoner blowing hot and cold (12)
- 18 Tenor appears in mocking novel (3,9)
- 21 Sparkling drink gets fragrance after a little work (10)
- 22 Look over castle (4)
- 24 Dissident keeps motorway sealed (8)
- 25 Scoundrel in spy organisation is a six-footer (6)
- 26 Despite that has affair with bird (4,4)
- 27 Church set in a hollow is respectable (6)

## DOWN

- 1 Clergyman has tea with Frank (8)
- 2 Neighbourhood detective's scrupulous (8)
- 3 Acting award for knight in play (4)
- 5 Support heavyweight ace? That's matchless! (6,2,4)
- 6 Sales manager organised a nice route (10)
- 7 Poet's ego disturbed by article (6)
- 8 Most boring amateur seen during exam (6)
- 11 Produce system giving a better game (5,7)
- 14 Popular Dutch sealant for consideration (10)
- 16 Terrier publicised beer (8)
- 17 Bomb factory of vegetable producer (8)
- 19 Girl making concession having to hurry (6)
- 20 Dramatist introduces a monarch to cheese (6)
- 23 Tell stories about lots of parasites (4)

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