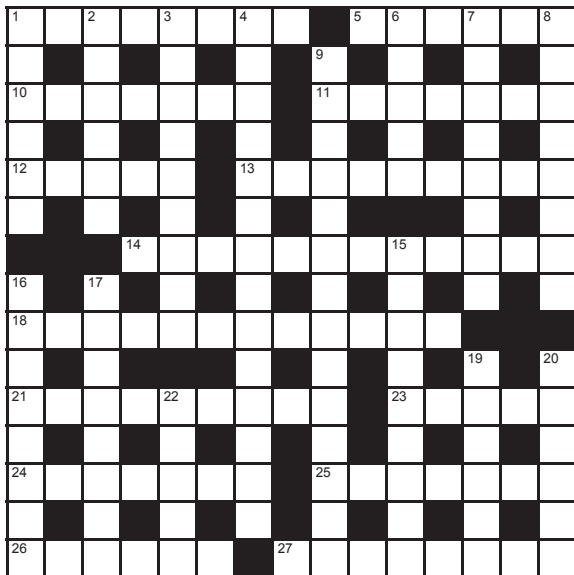


# CROSSWORD

## No. 16,227 Set by AARDVARK



JOTTER PAD

### ACROSS

- 1 Likewise, newspaper to support book (8)
- 5 Head girl that provides zest in the kitchen? (6)
- 10 Red woolly thing returned by Scotsman (7)
- 11 Managed to obtain symbol of magic from Africa (7)
- 12 Result: 50-50, with time added on (5)
- 13 In working group (male), there's a prize for wagging - small bone (9)
- 14 RU Lion trained inside ground, given very little food (12)
- 18 When recalling soldiers chilled by the air of gunfire, forever (9,3)
- 21 Old boy mostly annoyed with locums appearing regularly forgetful (9)
- 23 Juvenile, seeing heartland in mayhem, keeps away (5)
- 24 First sign (7)
- 25 Cooker placed by posh cook briefly on the left (1,6)
- 26 European city branch recruiting new man (6)
- 27 Poster in this place alongside set of books is sticking (8)

### DOWN

- 1 Creator's filling tin with the Spanish fruitcake (6)
- 2 Rat-catcher runs repeatedly into foundations (6)
- 3 Cry from a German hurt at back between shoulders (2,2,5)

- 4 Firm ordered Neil to safeguard work's capital once (14)
- 6 Custom in European Union to raise outside flag (5)
- 7 Motorway extremely difficult to patrol closely - at this hour? (8)
- 8 Dicky may need to go beyond garden's entrance to see moon (8)
- 9 Hold dear Linda's comic novel (8,6)
- 15 Whatever happens, Ian will be shocked by New York state (2,3,4)
- 16 Pretty Parisian wearing waterproof coat, takes a piece of earthenware (8)
- 17 Paint large bird near son feeding cat (8)
- 19 Male after mostly fast food (6)
- 20 Menace, at that point, releasing initial energy (6)
- 22 Light fabric one used to block rodent (5)

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