

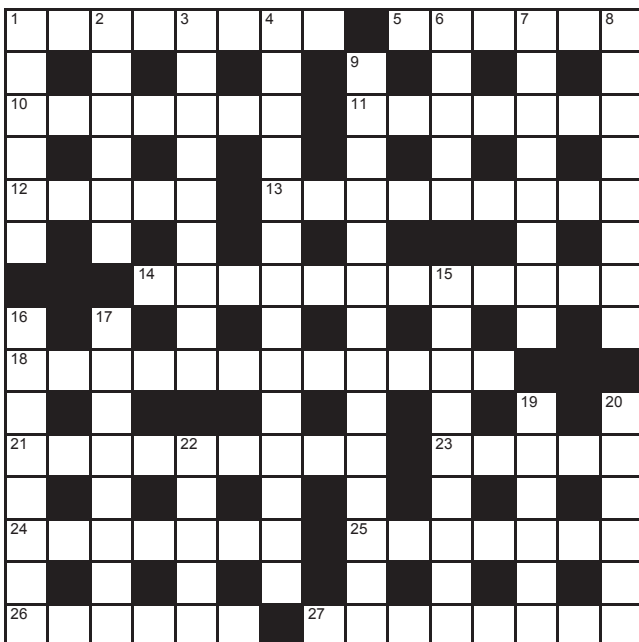
Crossword 16,425 Set by Redshank

ACROSS

- 1 It suggests minor snag (8)
- 5 Drunk left behind briefly outside (6)
- 10 European monarch following evil doer's game (3,4)
- 11 Independent state acquires grand picture (7)
- 12 Pyrotechnicians quibble about it (5)
- 13 Defenceless antelope in retreat somehow dread you coming in (9)
- 14 Regularly call on the papers to cover small storage unit (7-5)
- 18 Lunatic went by rail, knowing where to go? (5-7)
- 21 Pay poet to retain old part of bed (9)
- 23 Missing last of explosive, produce banger (5)
- 24 One doesn't appreciate where to find coal (7)
- 25 Old folks tend to do this initially down by river (7)
- 26 Picked up bloke that may spout a lot (6)
- 27 Times, say, offers class features (8)

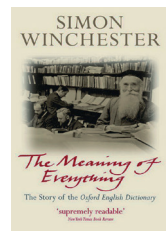
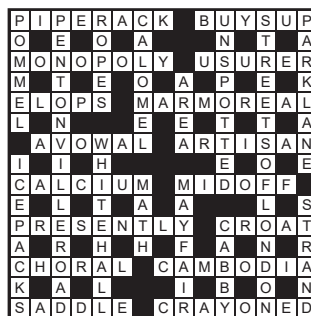
DOWN

- 1 Squeeze you into outfit, twisting your arm (6)
- 2 Approach a stunner backing off close to me (6)
- 3 What identifies and precedes a stout drinker? (4,5)
- 4 Lap on white horse leads to current safety device (7,7)
- 6 Before noon everyone's given up wool supplier (5)
- 7 Tweed turned aimlessly (8)
- 8 Old poem about party excess that may be fatal (8)
- 9 How risky batsman plays maybe, with determination (6-8)
- 15 Advocate and priest on hack (9)
- 16 Perhaps Wodehouse's superb grass inspires devoted females (8)
- 17 The way Republican just drinks gallons to a large degree (8)
- 19 Character in Sophocles, essayist and lawyer (6)
- 20 Notice enshrining remarkably short grave (6)
- 22 British party weather (5)



Solution 16,424

Solution 16,413



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