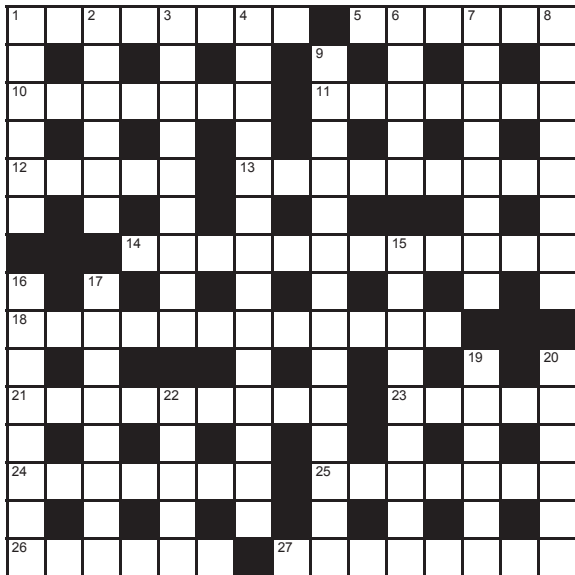


# CROSSWORD

## No. 15,963 Set by REDSHANK



JOTTER PAD

### ACROSS

- 1 Bells ring round parish centre, one nonstop (8)
- 5 Fraud involving royal racehorses (6)
- 10 Beer with no heart judged to have a head? (7)
- 11 Unholy pope identifies himself, clutching ring (7)
- 12 Nut in car picked up (5)
- 13 Creator of Superman, champion wearing size ten pants (9)
- 14 Press university to enter for the country (6,6)
- 18 Incompetence not a trait of Mrs Brown's Boys? (12)
- 21 Eccentric posh priest loathing salt (9)
- 23 She inspires poetry moderator to some extent (5)
- 24 Endurance's mainmast shattered, all except top (7)
- 25 Tract that appears in spring (7)
- 26 Team takes part in gospel evening (6)
- 27 Conformist Dorothy endlessly trained to slice beef (8)

### DOWN

- 1 Taxi driver circling King's Cross (6)
- 2 It's hard to find it within artillery lines (6)
- 3 Flyer's short unspirited cry (6,3)

- 4 Mariner's on a day off – this one? (8,6)
- 6 Best street guide's a gem (5)
- 7 Rigid Conservative blocked Maggie's sobriquet briefly (8)
- 8 Fuel holder, nothing left but a measuring device (3,5)
- 9 Opportunity to wind up after failing college boss (4,10)
- 15 Birches raised in small wood for English person (9)
- 16 Fife's top resort, where snow's deeper (3-5)
- 17 A pat on the back or a touch on the shoulder? (8)
- 19 Song and dance promotion (6)
- 20 Get angry about men beginning to thump spinner (6)
- 22 Unnamed royal scion's quotation (5)

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