CROSSWORD
No. 15,963 Set by REDSHANK

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 unaspirated 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)

Solution 15,962

JOTTER PAD