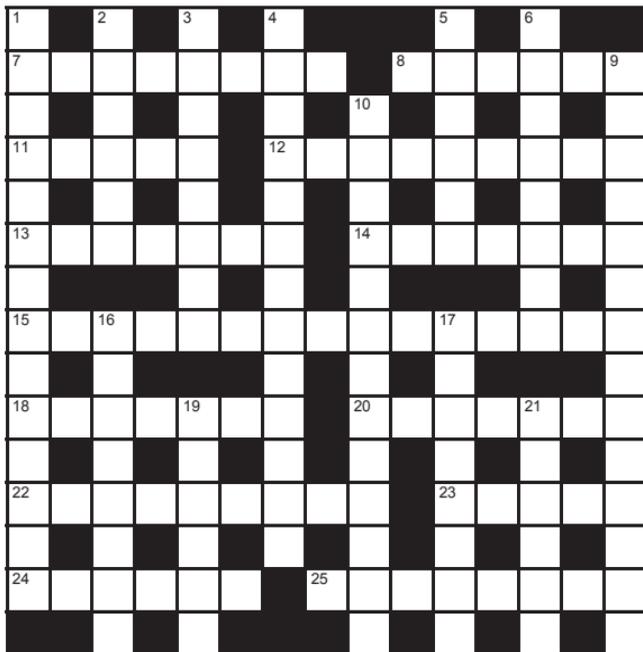


CROSSWORD

No. 16,399 Set by JULIUS



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 7 Hill outside the fringes of Nuneaton from which men are barred? (3,5)
- 8 Mother necked miso soup, an item on the bar menu (6)
- 11 Time to chew over note from guitarist (5)
- 12 Criminal German lady pursued by Detective Sergeant Lawrence King (9)
- 13 Perhaps John Lennon song left on board (7)
- 14 Laziness of Maitre Nicolas in retirement (7)
- 15 HT: Everton on edge, getting hammered – it's unthinkable! (4,4,2,5)
- 18 Natural gold golf clubs featuring a new iron tip (7)
- 20 Getting frosted cake decoration on top (5,2)
- 22 Pint he's loth to swallow, here ideally for a drive? (2,3,4)
- 23 Young socialite, upper-class, grand, to scrub drive (5)
- 24 Small hotel "run poorly" – sounds harsh! (6)
- 25 Horny beast, perhaps 21, grabbing poor Elton (8)

DOWN

- 1 25 hinds: unusually small working animals (8,6)

- 2 Foul place to see Aunt Sally skipping foxtrot? (6)
- 3 Bird call drove rook away (8)
- 4 Let that decaff brew on the hob for prodigal son (3,6,4)
- 5 Brie, red wine frequently left one below par (6)
- 6 Patient character's office role? (3,5)
- 9 Fair challenge for one hoping to bring home the bacon? (1,7,6)
- 10 Terribly nervous son left razor and foam pop sent (6,7)
- 16 It's futile turning revolver on a Conservative (8)
- 17 Absent-mindedly played with tweed? (8)
- 19 Wind up gramophone component? (6)
- 21 Ape/baboon regularly caught in trap (6)

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