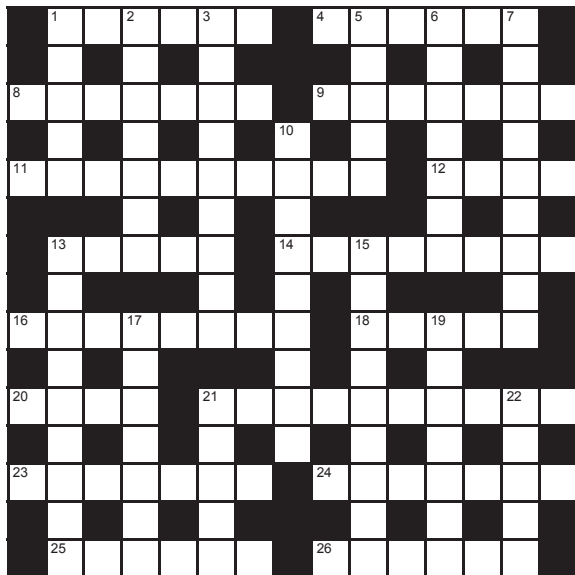


CROSSWORD

No. 15,743 Set by REDSHANK



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Nice one forwards empty bags (6)
- 4 Thanks to drivers saving money this smooths the way (6)
- 8 Abandoning Germany, transfer house (7)
- 9 Cat's funny double chins she'd missed (4,3)
- 11 What Acas offers involves constant treatment (10)
- 12 Test chopper returned to Mark (4)
- 13 Resin found in fuel emissions (5)
- 14 See note about book in tree house (3,5)
- 16 Amusing guy pays off energy supplier (8)
- 18 German city's prerequisites? Not half! (5)
- 20 Take five or twelve, unfinished (4)
- 21 Big beast's urban roots disputed (10)
- 23 In America it might kill Simon King (7)
- 24 Len Deighton novel nonetheless exudes joy (7)
- 25 Team all square tackling the French (6)
- 26 It's painful leaving St Paul's, for instance? (6)

DOWN

- 1 Proclamation from Putin: 'Utilise Ford parts' (5)

- 2 Firm undertaking concert is English (7)
- 3 Maurice, member of the Légion d'Honneur (9)
- 5 Head off to blacken dress (5)
- 6 Nelson, servant of the French? (7)
- 7 Someone from Georgia? About time, some might say (9)
- 10 Report unrest involving one's family (5,4)
- 13 European dined after work in US complex (9)
- 15 Huge grizzly stars (5,4)
- 17 Wind makes you weather-beaten (7)
- 19 Sitting close to actors in *Noises Off* (7)
- 21 Note reverberations echoing a bit (5)
- 22 "That's OK", Ruth thought, ignoring the odds (2-3)

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