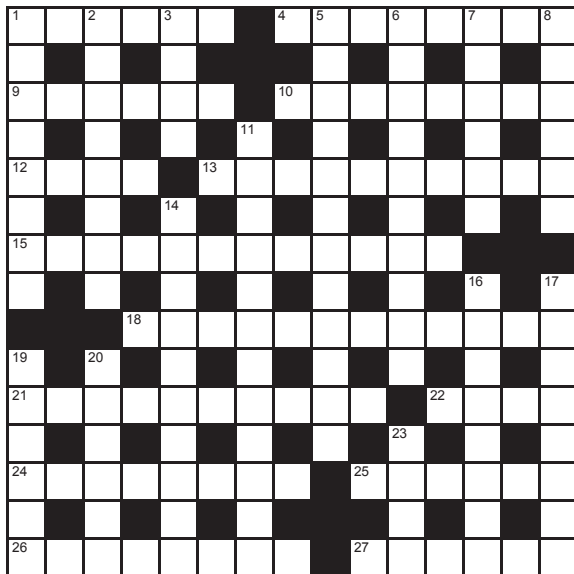


# CROSSWORD

## No. 16,455 Set by VELIA



JOTTER PAD

### ACROSS

- 1 Handicap: Velia's deep in trouble (6)
- 4 Come together when disorder returns with capacity to contain it (8)
- 9 Old, into undies – extremely disgusting! (6)
- 10 Rubber gloves ruin one medal (8)
- 12 Knowing to take the first of the month off (4)
- 13 Beat in song producing heart trouble (10)
- 15 Royal following orient light is a christian symbol (6,6)
- 18 Arbitrator set up a retro-style appliance (12)
- 21 Special role is coming up – likely audition required at the start (10)
- 22 Greeting sounding more cheerful (4)
- 24, 25 Substantial returns in brown fields firms up stuff of value (8,6)
- 26 Thus token arrangement needed for time off (4,4)
- 27 Freezing a Roman Catholic movement (6)

### DOWN

- 1 Pagan vows in future (8)
- 2 Royal home counties first to get media coverage (8)
- 3, 23 Doctor extremely understanding, sure to reform addict (4,4)
- 5 Rob disrupting grandma's bash! (5-3-4)
- 6 Tired out west gun-toting literary style (10)
- 7 Sweepers in second rate digs? (6)
- 8 Make beloved say, "what comes after M darling?" (6)
- 11 Targeting aid is right during awfully cruel battle (6,6)
- 14 Box of novelties I distributed (10)
- 16 Harsh dirt's dished up on hospital department (8)
- 17 Is racist out of control in this period? (8)
- 19 Series of unfortunate events spread on board (6)
- 20 Some kir on ice with a twist 2(6)
- 23 See 3