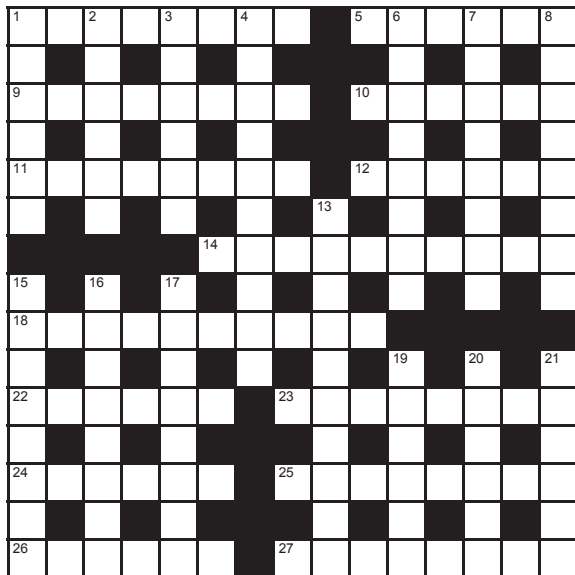


# CROSSWORD

## No. 16,125 Set by JASON



JOTTER PAD

### ACROSS

- 1 I should return bearing reserve (8)
- 5 Relaxed dropping stone into marsh grass (6)
- 9 Demanding much – no longer acting (8)
- 10 Opening from Saracens' hooker (small) sets the ball rolling (6)
- 11 Captain, say, is wise man hanging on to a remote (8)
- 12 Sends message from close to Gibraltar — cheerio (6)
- 14 POW camp force, we hear, is rising in cave (10)
- 18 Biccies spice up being out to lunch (6,4)
- 22 Main offspring is mature salt (6)
- 23 Last month speak in court to confer award (8)
- 24 Scoff at wickedness? Gets pizza, stays home, ---- -- (4,2)
- 25 Saint Charlie before long is earl (8)
- 26 Produce chap, parishioner who lacks expert knowhow (6)
- 27 Have second thoughts about bums on seats finally (8)

### DOWN

- 1 Elegant doctor, he's so shy in every other case (6)
- 2 Beetle succeeded with motor rating, eg (6)
- 3 Wrong smoker's accessory husband's flung out (6)
- 4 Harmony in a contract (10)

- 6 Make enemy of sergeant recklessly (8)
- 7 Fantastic artificer lacking lead: dreadful (8)
- 8 Horror story is seen in dead flower (8)
- 13 In large lathe being refashioned (3,3,4)
- 15 Food wrapper? Mine's down there! (8)
- 16 Child given small railway and soldiers (8)
- 17 A lemon is lost in pud (8)
- 19 Party cheats conservative sorts blind to change (6)
- 20 Evil intent from maiden, someone who had adventures? (6)
- 21 Fantastic cress sandwiches, English niche (6)

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