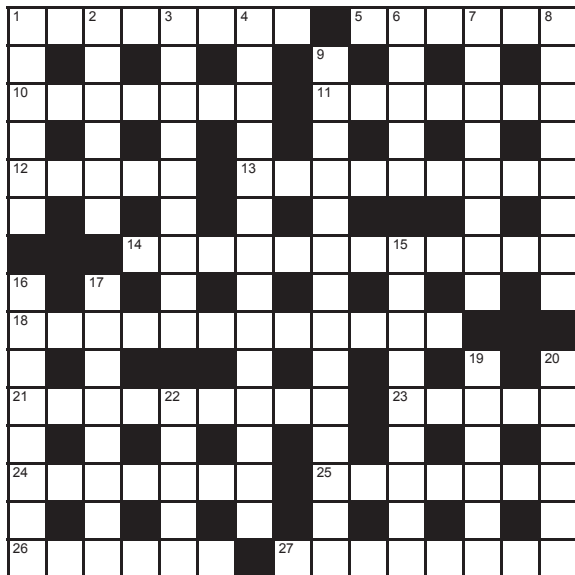


CROSSWORD

No. 16,468 Set by FALCON



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Enormous deficiency in fossil fuel (8)
- 5 Starts to realise he's yet to hear Mersey beat (6)
- 10 Protective garment in the past given to everyone (7)
- 11 Plump single mother could be best (7)
- 12 Follow lawsuit involving hospital (5)
- 13 Happy hour binge in one next door (9)
- 14 Infant school class painting in splotchy green (12)
- 18 Tender lines by Frost, say, in something read to a child? (7,5)
- 21 Large market town, a Welsh one, misrepresented (9)
- 23 Winds back cylindrical device (5)
- 24 Month round Connecticut – temperate, no sun (7)
- 25 Someone having the potential to succeed (7)
- 26 Fording Welsh river, came across an old firearm (6)
- 27 Traitor's act shown on film (8)

DOWN

- 1 Plum variety (6)
- 2 Room in shelter on course (6)
- 3 Drink Japanese drink, around noon, before snack (9)
- 4 Part of what is expected, and no trouble (3,2,1,4,4)

- 6 Problem struck church (5)
- 7 That worm agitated pig (8)
- 8 Film politician almost embracing artist close to breakdown (8)
- 9 Sanctimonious author in hotel, getting drunk after hours (6-4-4)
- 15 US prosecutor up, calling for confession (9)
- 16 Grub in new Norwich motel's original (8)
- 17 Talks foolishly about the Spanish members of the clergy (8)
- 19 Hat wife discarded, plus old jacket (6)
- 20 Cupboard shut by last in basement (6)
- 22 Poet's black fur (5)

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