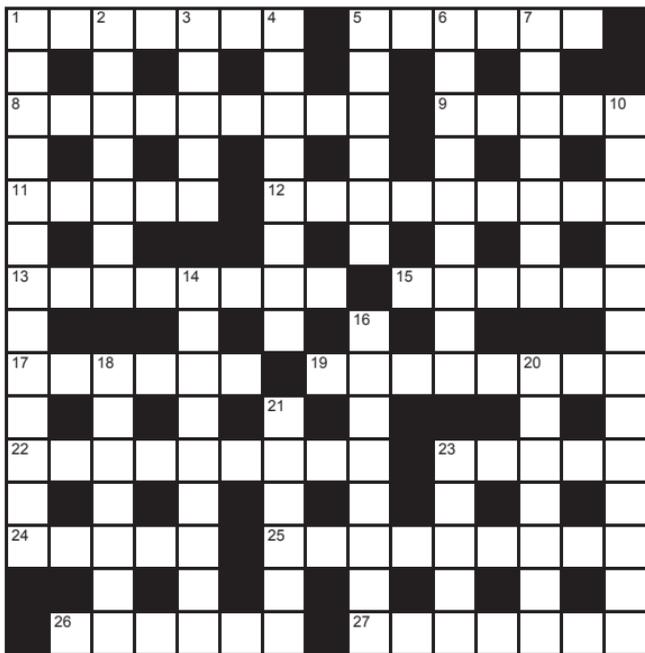


CROSSWORD

No. 16,465 Set by BRADMAN



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Female is entertained by stupid males (7)
- 5 Well-dressed Christmas feature? (6)
- 8 I work in gallery providing thrill (9)
- 9 Interviewers help an election to some extent (5)
- 11 Home in West? It's where some Americans live (5)
- 12 A way of speaking said to be a habit (9)
- 13 About to take second exam, becoming most uncommunicative (8)
- 15 Man with Early English as language (6)
- 17 Something tiny king wore on the outside (6)
- 19 Prepare to put up with nasty cup of tea (4,2,2)
- 22 Withdrawal from church in the course of meeting (9)
- 23 Vulgar sound being heard (5)
- 24 Country bridge across island (5)
- 25 Something that sprays blue rinse around (9)
- 26 Letter coming from minor men (6)
- 27 With hot drink to be imbibed call for splash of milk (7)

DOWN

- 1 Ma's temper, oh so bad! Big changes needed (13)
- 2 Element glowing with noise, electric current being limited (7)

- 3 Greeting – something on the lips? (5)
- 4 Foot given a rest on rickety seat (8)
- 5 Fast river rising – see to contain it (6)
- 6 Material on a container outside end of dock to be put into new carton? (9)
- 7 Hand over prisoner when given gesture? (7)
- 10 Soldier exceptionally clean and – gosh! – quietly spoken (5,8)
- 14 Numbers you once found sitting on beach (9)
- 16 Dangerous tribesperson makes writer dive into water (8)
- 18 Voice of awful Conservative leader (7)
- 20 Gift that is trampled on by crowd (7)
- 21 Person half cut outside pub somewhere in London (6)
- 23 Army officer in charge is a pain (5)

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