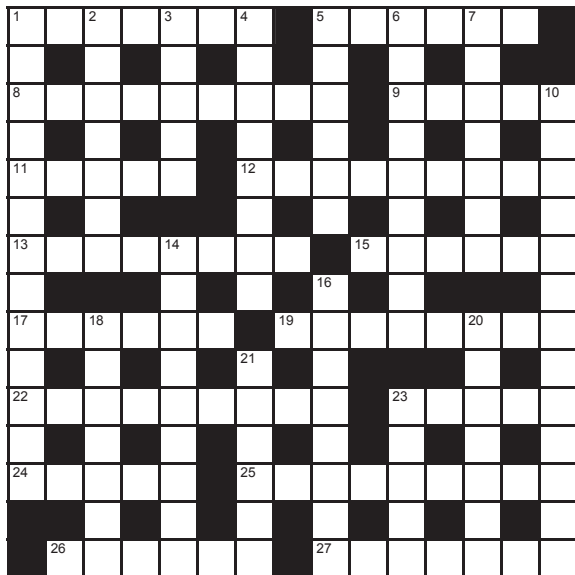


CROSSWORD

No. 16,469 Set by JULIUS



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Nice dog guarding Charlie, York's ultimate scaredy-cat (7)
- 5 Ever more stupid, husband lost heart (6)
- 8 Tottering along with fake jewellery? (9)
- 9 Labour A-team regularly shunned one bringing new blood (5)
- 11 Answer German paper back freely (2-3)
- 12 Go on about the job of the banks in Alloa? (4,5)
- 13 Consular official, daughter, mother in international conspiracy (8)
- 15 Wild animal consuming rabbit's head as a source of nourishment (6)
- 17 Fill Médoc cup you're holding (6)
- 19 Jack-of-all-trades sinking ¥1000 into Chinese martial art ranking (8)
- 22 One used to beat son covered in foul muck and dirt? (9)
- 23 Light resistance, caught in flipping hot surroundings (5)
- 24 Tear a strip off cook (5)
- 25 Nurse a kid – adopted – eating a Mexican dish (9)
- 26 Mum's new partner's daughter taking temperature - it's an infection (6)
- 27 Joseph's boy's record target? About an hour (7)

DOWN

- 1 We corrupt dad's roly-poly pudding ingredient (7,6)

- 2 Where the cat might get stuck when panicking (2,1,4)
- 3 Partly remake *Babette's Feast* feature? (5)
- 4 Chesterfield stud had a line when sozzled (8)
- 5 Peg leg got broken (6)
- 6 Fossil-fuel dependent firm sacked a student entrant (4-5)
- 7 Metro burial exposed former core of Italy (7)
- 10 Running the marathon is quite a tonic (1,4,2,3,3)
- 14 Old, silly, soppiest characters attractive to one another? (9)
- 16 Niggling pain's returned, clipping Rachel's wings (8)
- 18 Southern area captured by dirty, holy war (7)
- 20 Wine bar left in possession of teetotalers (7)
- 21 Bits of offal, thin slices, no starter (6)
- 23 Tango on drugs, showing a bit of leg? (5)

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