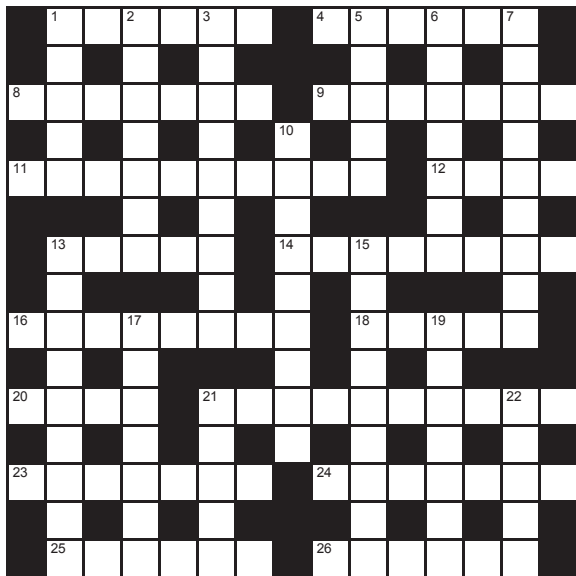


CROSSWORD

No. 16,037 Set by ARMONIE



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 To economise, Frenchman is introduced to bonus shares (6)
- 4 Priest gets clear compound in gift-wrap (6)
- 8 Light lunch initially before the service (7)
- 9 Gold deposited in leading English bank (7)
- 11 Possibly die in Roman instrument of torture (4,6)
- 12 College trunk or hamper (4)
- 13 Finished one's food (5)
- 14 Take stock – ship is free of corrosion (8)
- 16 Ridicule people in newspaper piece (8)
- 18 Police force in wood (5)
- 20 Steering gear made of hardwood? (4)
- 21 Oddballs, about to take a beating, stand together (5,5)
- 23 Everyone in favour? That's swell! (7)
- 24 Runs through articles (7)
- 25 Severn disaster produces anxiety (6)
- 26 Tinned incorrectly? That's mean! (6)

DOWN

- 1 Place to rest when on a flight (5)
- 2 Crew programme statistics (7)
- 3 Horse carries mother and boy in preserve (9)
- 5 Fruit for a company nurse (5)
- 6 Opening left in church (7)
- 7 Seafood is good to throw out, in a way (9)
- 10 Love Bill's speech (9)
- 13 Cop in real mess in China (9)
- 15 Discharge soldier in division (9)
- 17 German stroller is better (7)
- 19 Plain tart takes in Romeo's look (7)
- 21 Rent initially cost nothing (5)
- 22 Pronounced requirement for massage (5)