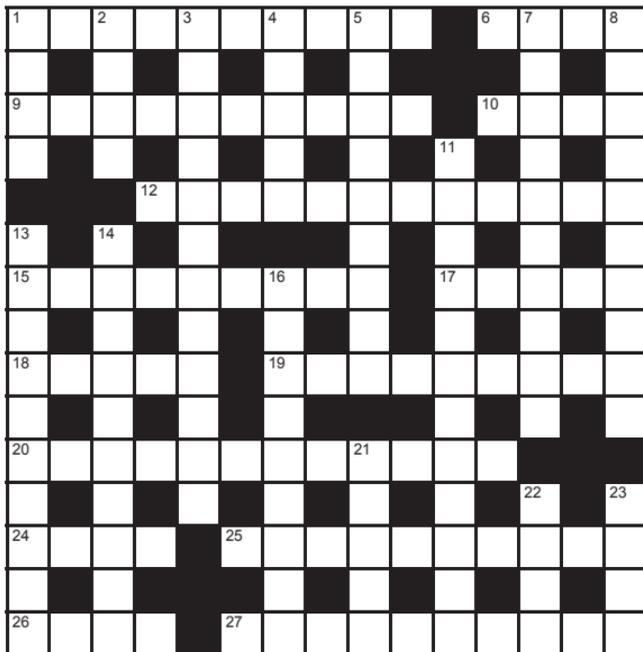


# CROSSWORD

## No. 16,265 Set by REDSHANK



JOTTER PAD

### ACROSS

- 1 Prepare fleece for protecting special blossom (10)
- 6 Assemble round bucket (4)
- 9 Societies fill posh London area limousine, they're jam-packed (5,5)
- 10 Capital expels one Ottoman bearing arms? (4)
- 12 Environmentalist identifies expert in bed (5,7)
- 15 Colonist finished chopping current duck starter (9)
- 17 Salt somewhat disconcerting? Send it back (5)
- 18 Former newsreader, American guy, missing Times (5)
- 19 English film about wayward T. Rex fanatic (9)
- 20 Banned officer with one boring existence in team (12)
- 24 Grand chef's instructions withdrawn on leaving (4)
- 25 Energy supplier scorched range (3,7)
- 26 Locate what's needed in home counties (4)
- 27 A lot of races finish next to a new church gate (10)

### DOWN

- 1 Child's play at intervals repays you at first (4)
- 2 Let down smaller section of Irish party (4)
- 3 Rowdy Peter's arranged run out in old coach (12)

- 4 Cicero depicts bracing weather (5)
- 5 Might warming cups offset this weather feature? (4,5)
- 7 Leave some money in Morecambe in vain (10)
- 8 Checks on earnings European raised in chap's seed producers (5,5)
- 11 Bored? Join set around noon (12)
- 13 Like to line up disguise for ball? (5,5)
- 14 Poles stop working at rig cladding for regime (6,4)
- 16 Small tear developed? Suspect trouble (5,1,3)
- 21 Lie about what keeps me going regularly (5)
- 22 List articles, one foreign (4)
- 23 Time invested in extra bits (4)

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