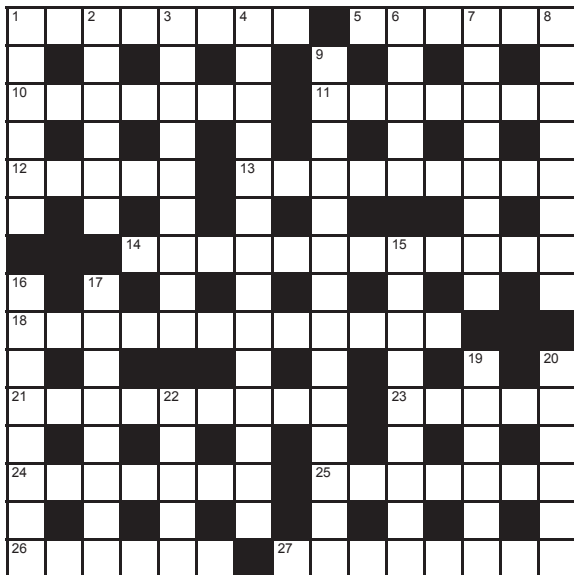


CROSSWORD

No. 15,978 Set by PETO



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Time to prepare before equestrian event (8)
- 5 Behaves badly when taught with Biblical text (4,2)
- 10 Problem for swimmers with tendency to rush at the start (7)
- 11 Lie about owning country clubs (7)
- 12 Handle farm animals (5)
- 13 Reckon on a denial being of little use (2-7)
- 14 Refutes nothing that is reproduced in the press (6,6)
- 18 Explain one's concerns for the entertainment industry (4,8)
- 21 Summarises theoretical positions at the end (9)
- 23 Detest husband stabbing wild boar (5)
- 24 Complete before the last part in which further progress is impossible (4,3)
- 25 Means to negotiate extremely tricky general pardon (7)
- 26 Quite right to have change of heart (6)
- 27 Equipment needed by top bowlers for instance (8)

DOWN

- 1 Landseer essentially capturing river's force (6)
- 2 Hire Peto to come up with cunning plan (6)
- 3 Move quickly after trouble caused by prankster's device (5,4)
- 4 Naive to get vexed over third rate poem as an aid to road safety (5,5,4)

- 6 Funny to find company member in charge (5)
- 7 Strange rulings upset boxing association at first (8)
- 8 Peter's wrong to assume Bond is more attractive (8)
- 9 Brief respite from life at fashionable German bathing facility on the outskirts of Cologne (9,5)
- 15 Continuing to sully earl in the south of France (9)
- 16 Malicious report on current inhabitant of Skye (8)
- 17 Studies article going into race being fixed (8)
- 19 Simple church on street in the centre of Caen (6)
- 20 Petition for proportional representation supported by philosopher (6)
- 22 Local official once contributing to macabre events (5)

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