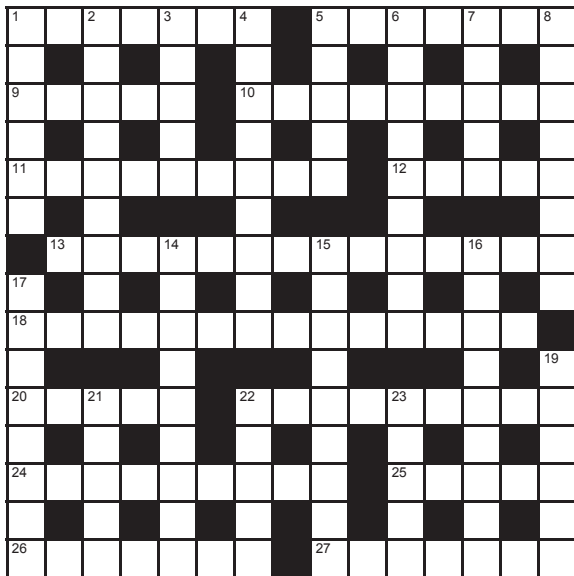


CROSSWORD

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JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Bitter rivalry's beginning is captured by expert writer (7)
- 5 It breaks the law? Not quite prudent (7)
- 9 Kill gangster with shot (5)
- 10 One admitted to playing no Wagner or Grieg? (9)
- 11 Spots containing extremely essential yet volatile gas (9)
- 12 Bottle opener vexed nurses (5)
- 13 Ultimately people with slippery character, involved in real shrewd manoeuvring? (7-7)
- 18 *An Accidental Man's* right for the study of life (7,7)
- 20 What ends with mate or companion getting letter? (5)
- 22 What's primarily required by one apt somehow to pen epistle? (9)
- 24 English politician has issues regularly creating stress (9)
- 25 Old safety device is advantageous (2,3)
- 26 Meet female model going back in perhaps (7)
- 27 Decline to remove bouquet? (7)

DOWN

- 1 Like court case without one of the stars (6)
- 2 Pray outside church? That's a leap (9)
- 3 Fragrant bananas changing hands (5)
- 4 Fish caught, having gone out with some angling equipment (6-3)

- 5 Carry on without one university's funds (5)
- 6 New leaderless militia is deployed to prepare to attack (3,2,4)
- 7 Bank is broken by River Test (5)
- 8 Italian aristocrat's against returning valuable item (8)
- 14 Originally early Italians? That's about right (9)
- 15 Algae and dead tree turned up on river (5-4)
- 16 Repeat run after organising transport (9)
- 17 Underwear thief's caught! (8)
- 19 Forest takes time to get burning (6)
- 21 Cash perhaps supports old person living abroad (5)
- 22 One entertained by Snoopy is vociferous (5)
- 23 Drink up around ten? That's good (5)

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