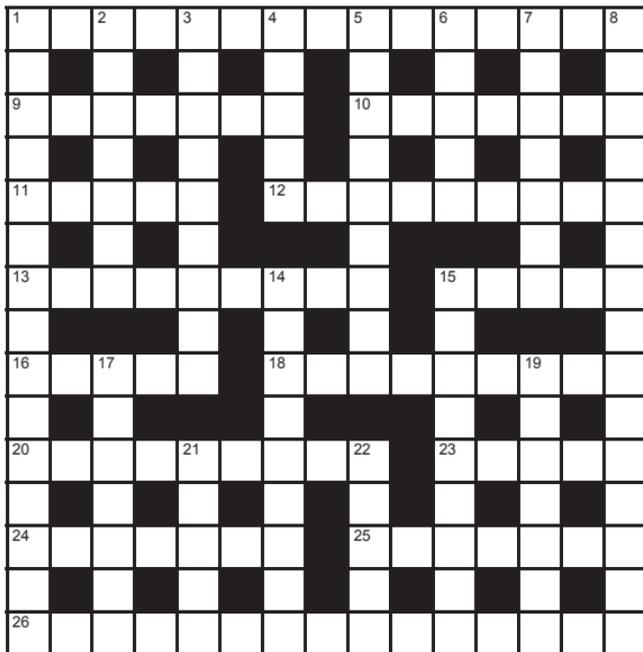


CROSSWORD

No. 16,318 Set by NEO



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Improvident way to eat (4,4,2,5)
- 9 Principal drug hidden among cargo (7)
- 10 Royal is sweet little thing (7)
- 11 Drops moist pants (5)
- 12 Do up shortened red coat by mistake (9)
- 13 Two similar animals to Spooner, and another (5,4)
- 15 This lover and his partner both characters on the radio (5)
- 16 River runs within explosive borders (5)
- 18 Flower power on reflection stopped by hard facts (9)
- 20 Siren time and time again interrupting tsarina? (9)
- 23 Companion always gives comfort (5)
- 24 Swallow one alcoholic drink (7)
- 25 Skin condition has spread into leg (7)
- 26 Prize-winner still made to dance by pirate (6,9)

DOWN

- 1 One in Harley Street shortened hideous cut (9)
- 4 Not complete setback for Queen and Country (5)
- 5 Tories initially request church to create special unit (4,5)
- 6 Back biter? (5)
- 7 Element in uniform with skull cap removed? (7)
- 8 What horror! Pie thrown around at London hub! (8,7)
- 14 One's left us for dead (9)
- 15 Oral passage in cartoon stimulated a Liberal (4,5)
- 17 Bad mark repeatedly given in current exam (7)
- 19 Boundless audacity beginning to irritate old academics (7)
- 21 Junk food (5)
- 22 Fluid occasionally seen in ground that's like rock? (5)

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