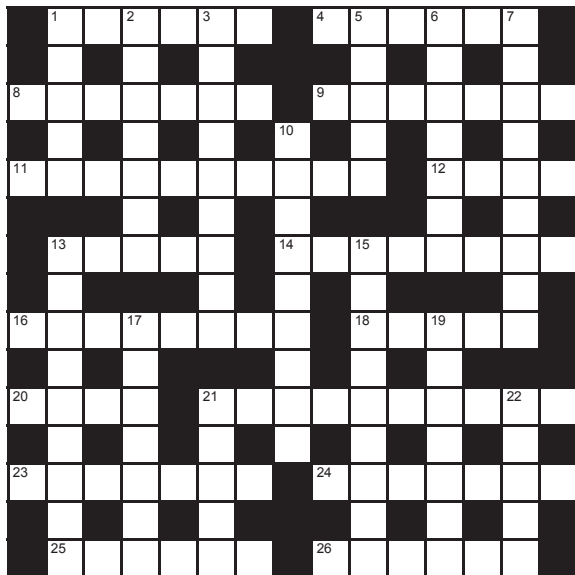


CROSSWORD

No. 15,720 Set by DOGBERRY



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Maybe Spanish gunshot severing digit (6)
- 4 Composer taken from Zanzibar to Kenya (6)
- 8 Wherewithal to cook good puzzle (7)
- 9 Tree, see, housing loud insect (7)
- 11 Cyber-bully pursing material with which to smear first half of 14? (6,4)
- 12 Collaborators said to be numerous (4)
- 13 In which one may be left abandoned? (5)
- 14 Dig for dirt, coming back with sea monster, mostly (4-4)
- 16 Lops head off flower (8)
- 18 Moon-painter minus one (5)
- 20 Older relative – nearly 1,000? (4)
- 21 Pan repeatedly presenting protagonist of 1, 19 (5,5)
- 23 Sneeze, or what to use after one, some say (7)
- 24 Fields beyond river (7)
- 25 Flips out with female joint (6)
- 26 Drink distilled from treacle, mostly (6)

DOWN

- 1 What's found under "head for heights" – love? (5)
- 2 Not quite all round, gnarled and knotty (7)
- 3 Cut handle off and opened (9)

- 5 Adroit Ella oddly showing spirit (5)
- 6 Look likely to fall about with user of social media (7)
- 7 Like drink brewed in old cask (9)
- 10 Dreadful deed not beginning to involve Kennedy – business as usual? (9)
- 13 Young woman embracing facile ceremony (4,5)
- 15 Howl – wound's beginning to ulcerate badly (9)
- 17 Composer receiving second inaugural gift (7)
- 19 Dubious character of tornado (7)
- 21 Impervious to evidence (5)
- 22 Bird lifted out of detergent (5)

Solution 15,719

