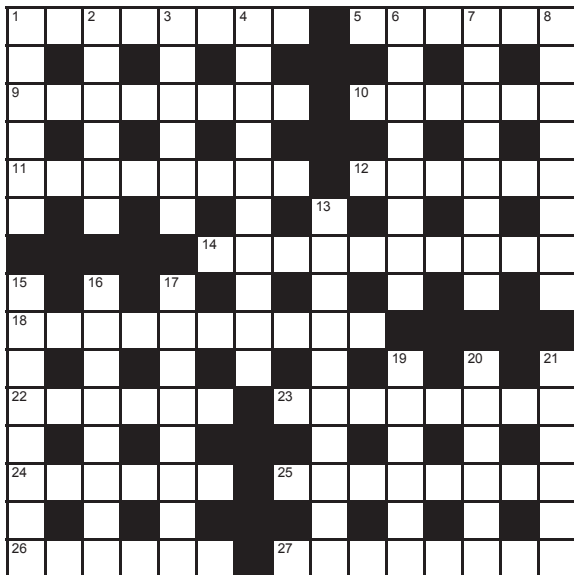


# CROSSWORD

## No. 16,220 Set by HAMILTON



JOTTER PAD

### ACROSS

- 1, 5 Complicate things after bluesman gets hold of article (5,3,6)
- 9 Husband greatly put out by lack of drive (8)
- 10 Almost stumble through unimportant stuff (6)
- 11 What drivers need to get fired up? (8)
- 12 In these days, consider being tickled (6)
- 14 Guy grasps most of crockery, say, starting to unload American piece (7,3)
- 18 Off-road business hub? (4,6)
- 22 Almost stingy, almost dismal, always inadequate (6)
- 23 London police have a bumpy ride around Circle Line (8)
- 24 Alliances for college working by 1st September (6)
- 25 Ancient honour accepted just one time (8)
- 26, 27 Where we discover healthy men's one weakness (6-2-6)

### DOWN

- 1, 15 Delicious chocolate does if savoured for too long (4,2,3,5)
- 2 Introducing Dave, about to interest new girlfriend in romance (6)
- 3 Certainly, pen is insubstantial (6)

- 4 Old woman has instrument, conceding victory over attempt to worship the saints (10)
- 6 Resentment at settlement, getting credit for pound (8)
- 7 Said to begrudge guru's picture (8)
- 8, 21 Grandsons tried changing authorised payments (8,6)
- 13 Refuse place to circle that's come to backward point (7,3)
- 15 See 1 down
- 16 It's about land Indian city managed, including island (8)
- 17 Gent's ear bent about divorce (8)
- 19 Facilitate low temperature within Slough's environs (6)
- 20 Rebellious master will divide the school (6)
- 21 See 8

Solution 16,219

