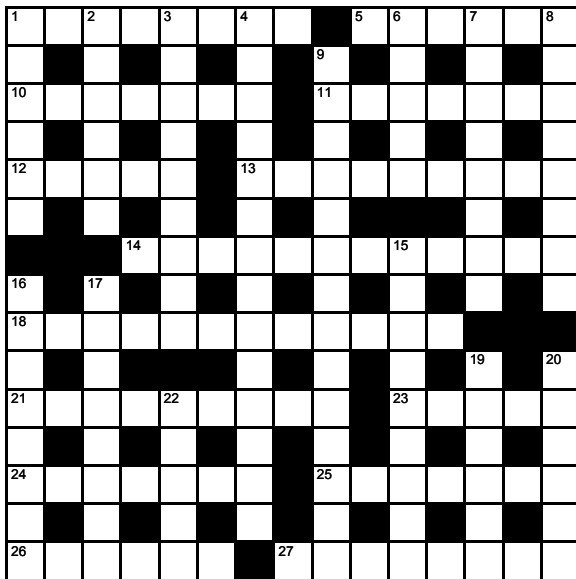


CROSSWORD

No. 13,479 Set by CINEPHILE



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Early birds? (8)
- 5 Elf and aristocrat socialise (6)
- 10 Sea food farm often applied to age (7)
- 11 Retire ungracefully to a country (7)
- 12 The perfect fish for a learner (5)
- 13 Boy in Cats providing character of mule (9)
- 14 Gradation from sovereign in binding with lord outside (7,5)
- 18 Call bluff with drinks for all? Au revoir (3,3,6)
- 21 Bat for luck? (9)
- 23 Gas not known to nobody in retrospect (5)
- 24 Propriety of green opening in stretched object (7)
- 25 Ratbag, Eastern European (7)
- 26 Witch from hell – I lit her candle (6)
- 27 Not being guilty, said with stress to the end, after a fashion (2,1,5)

DOWN

- 1 Recurrent employment of mouse after expression of regret, say (6)
- 2 Local printers in religious building (6)
- 3 Spanish gentleman having a great time amid core characters (9)

- 4 Swanee people have a time among the retired (3,5,2,4)
- 6 Antelope or bird with no tail (5)
- 7 Two little boys from across the sea (8)
- 8 Love at start of year retained by poet at craft centre (8)
- 9 Tete a tete with Argentinian sheltering child drinkers (6,2,6)
- 15 Died at premier's place with notes of repellent character (9)
- 16 Flower for snake carrier on railway (8)
- 17 Scanning by police with wealthy docked a pound (8)
- 19 US doctor to put pole in ground (6)
- 20 Southern joints heard coming from cold (6)
- 22 Bird that's held up by cleaner with dent removed (5)

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