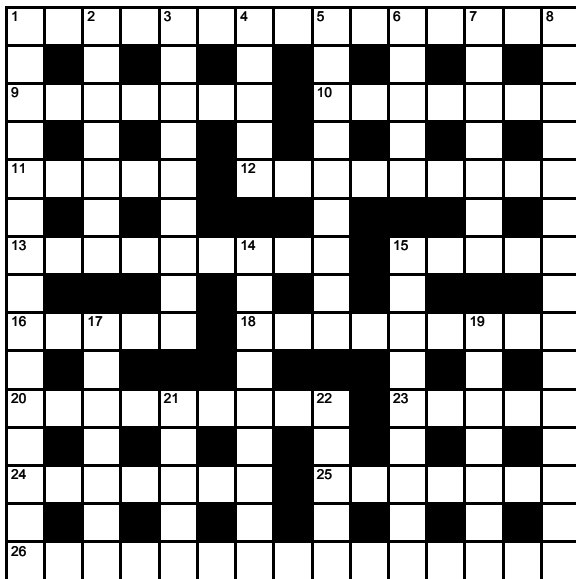


CROSSWORD

No. 13,437 Set by AARDVARK



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Brian joins mate, the one repairing Victorian book (5,3,2,1,4)
- 9 Spice keeps breaking the knife (7)
- 10 Circle line avoids same peak (7)
- 11 Body of water Berkshire community initially ignored (5)
- 12 Set to work fixing such an engine? (3-6)
- 13 Initially observe main beast of burden not bearing right (4-5)
- 15 One marches in army for patron at Christmas (5)
- 16 US politician once again defends government (5)
- 18 Cups are put inside cooker by this person – something a fool would do? (1,4,4)
- 20 Bird, female, obtains watering-hole somewhere in farm (5,4)
- 23 Canadian police loosened doctor free (5)
- 24 Flash trader squanders last wine (7)
- 25 University training's before 0800, when lacking energy, irritated (7)
- 26 Mark heads for busking outlet – difficult market for 1960s pop (11,4)

DOWN

- 1 Wonder if Maltese port flourishes around mid-December (6,2,7)
- 2 Solitary person on part of cross-word, taking minimum of effort to finish (7)

- 3 Cosmetic reconstructing – see why hosts bother (3,6)
- 4 Preferred section of the lecture (5)
- 5 Please remain with ailing foggy in case of financial promise (1,3,2,3)
- 6 Blue trailer, regularly sublet (5)
- 7 Dated in France, where pair joined navy (7)
- 8 Sporting contest for actress Doris and two siblings? (5-3,7)
- 14 Australian resident taking punch before a party, one hears (5,4)
- 15 Monster abused cash to obtain dodgy building (9)
- 17 Woman turned colour when laughing (7)
- 19 Social worker, one month, turned up WI member? (7)
- 21 From the books of unknown person – disturbing, upsetting humour (2,3)
- 22 Island chiefs in natural attire unadvisedly run uphill (5)

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