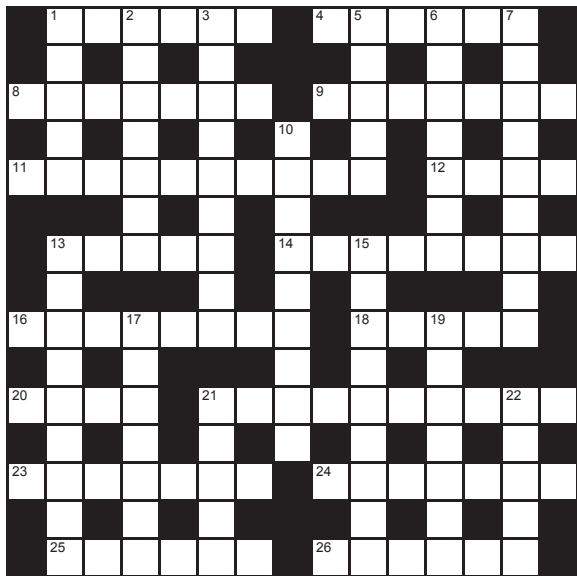


CROSSWORD

No. 13,909 Set by DANTE



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 A short time back (6)
- 4 An even chance drunkard turns to drink (4-2)
- 8 Keep watch (7)
- 9 Penguin noted by Beethoven (7)
- 11 Sheer – ought to be changed (3,7)
- 12 Club for evening out (4)
- 13 Clever people making gin that is fantastic (5)
- 14 Sling net around young bird (8)
- 16 Clear and complicated dates listed (8)
- 18 A reason why some people fight (5)
- 20 French town producing optical equipment (4)
- 21 Delayed action with stand-in starting film scene (6,4)
- 23 In such agreement cash, too, is involved (7)
- 24 Bank note held, all right for capital? (7)
- 25 Maintain a strong company (6)
- 26 Docks, where sailors sleep (6)

DOWN

- 1 Brush a fur coat (5)
- 2 He can't love, fake or betray (5,2)
- 3 Men driven mad? Don't become concerned (5,4)
- 5 Go round twice at speed (5)
- 6 Though particular, the place is in a mess (7)
- 7 Say it, for example, before church (9)
- 10 Blues, perhaps, at university who never get a first (7-2)
- 13 Country with university team represented in festival (9)
- 15 One is ill-at-ease when not working on this (4,5)
- 17 We hear Cockney bloke's going to relax (4,3)
- 19 At university, drunk and anxious (7)
- 21 Prevent animal swallowing the tin opener (5)
- 22 They secure the going rate, in the main (5)

Solution to Saturday's prize puzzle on Saturday February 4
Solution to yesterday's prize puzzle on Monday February 6
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