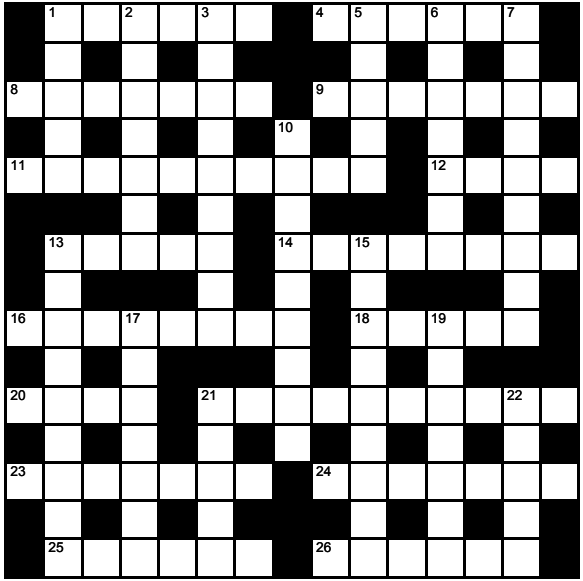
CROSSWORD
No. 13,839 Set by JASON



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

1 Metal bands stumped by charges (6)
4 Fellow like diminutive Edmund dieted? (6)
8 Beef cut teacher, say, with learner round at home (7)
9 Sinatra could be a craftsman of his trade (7)
11 Careful reprimand applied to a little food store (10)
12 Drink after time – that's a porky pie! (4)
13 Cook a soft sweet (5)
14 Shorten sailor's passage (8)
16 Support also floundering for union offer? (8)
18 A sailor's westbound with *this* world record? (5)
20 Soft song for duet (4)
21 Black tree and dead tree rot (10)
23 Shout about men shifting offcut (7)
24 Stock holder, perhaps, is beyond help with no head for counting (7)
25 Force husband to be part of faith (6)
26 Salad veg, in haste it goes off (6)

DOWN

1 Son covers fruit tree's ooze (5)
2 Brought together, the Royal Academy and Liberal fibbed (7)
3 Like the royal spinster without a name? Hilarious! (9)
5 Go along with a part of golf course needing a trim (5)
6 Tons write on the move about time in networker's site (7)
7 Unfortunately docks lead standoffs (9)
10 Greatest golfer, Ernie, is below standard in matches (9)
13 Company's last word on closure for loft space (9)
15 Manage set flamboyantly for Lady Gaga, say (5,4)
17 Consort let cuff ride up (7)
19 Frothy coffee daughter (European) gulped being a lively girl (7)
21 Reward bishop on openings for unrecognised Samaritans (5)
22 Drench a posy of flowers (5)

Solution to Saturday's prize puzzle on Saturday November 12
Solution to yesterday's prize puzzle on Monday November 14
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