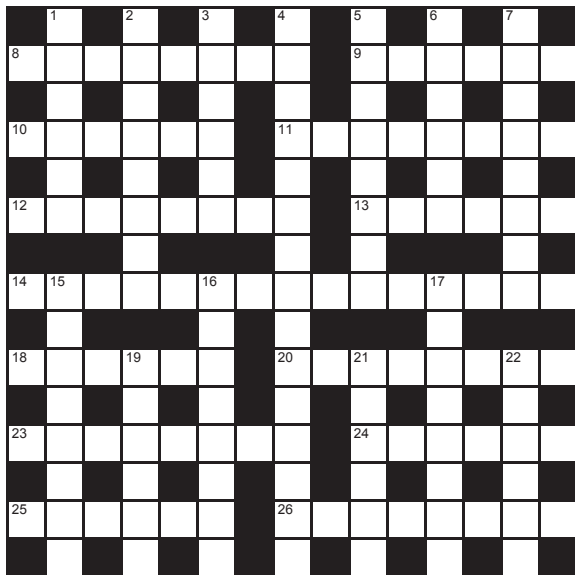


CROSSWORD

No. 14,656 Set by COURTIER



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 8 An arrangement is put round a flower to stand in (8)
- 9 Then, confusingly, I see it sounds like the description of a race (6)
- 10 Hawk a number after church service (6)
- 11 Past champion is a record spinner alright with nothing before first three victories (8)
- 12 Defenders attach slice (8)
- 13 Feature an army unit (6)
- 14 NHS appointed for a new way of making shots dip (7,8)
- 18 Journalist returns to Native American for decision (6)
- 20 Demand payment again to top up battery (8)
- 23 Mark from Prague we hear is away (5,3)
- 24 A French wall beam for the current champion (6)
- 25 French gardens the Spanish divide into portions (6)
- 26 Veins a seaman used to guide a vessel (8)

DOWN

- 1 A poser enables concealment of a serial champion (6)
- 2 Take cues, and pack around for tea-time fare (8)
- 3 Call with a finger (4-2)
- 4 Risky behaviour on the way to Victoria perhaps (7,3,1,4)
- 5 Judge an instrument (8)
- 6 A narrow passage, or that sort of thing (6)
- 7 Polite Scot who is not in service (8)
- 15 To lead after six balls is an expense (8)
- 16 It's nice heading off with money for a cooling treat (3,5)
- 17 Refuse after he takes a complaint (4,4)
- 19 Ornate or backward Colorado company (6)
- 21 Being demure about a brief medical provides amusement (6)
- 22 An order to remove (2,4)

Solution to the Saturday prize puzzle on Saturday July 5
Solution to yesterday's prize puzzle on Monday July 7
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