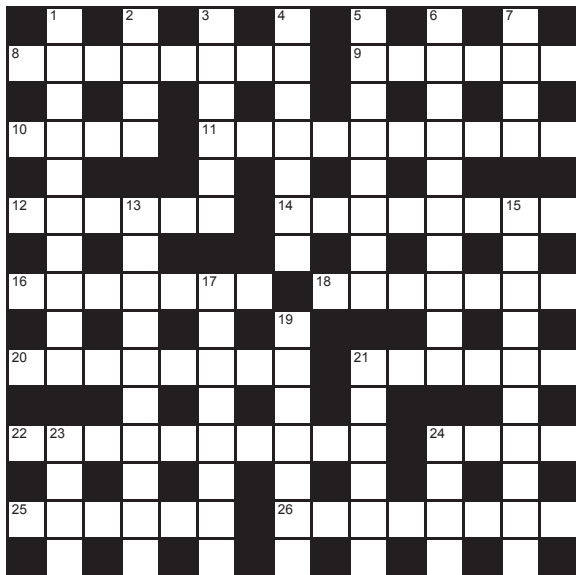


# CROSSWORD

No. 14,537 Set by GAFF



**JOTTER PAD**

## Greetings in the post

### ACROSS

- 8** Group in Kuala Lumpur with a hot esoteric doctrine (8)  
**9** Siberian airgun's gone off (6)  
**10** Wallace's sidekick largely cut out (4)  
**11** One objective of tree maintenance (10)  
**12** Status of well-connected surfer (6)  
**14** Tending to set short clue about intelligence, is hard to follow (8)  
**16** Cheek of young male holding race for second (7)  
**18** Roll of dice in roll-back and taxi (7)  
**20** Break up sergeant's mess (8)  
**21** Oriental dwarf training (6)  
**22** Watch final – loser can't dance (10)  
**24** Barbarian begins bowing out of rugby (4)  
**25** Signal bewildered allies (6)  
**26** Parisian cop in continued clash (8)

### DOWN

- 1** Smells surround a minor operation to pump organs (10)  
**2** Neighbour returns instrument (4)  
**3** Bond, say, turned on soft light (6)  
**4** Subject to drugs (7)  
**5** Solvers will even like sound of Christmas (8)  
**6** Organised Labour in true can-do fashion without Conservative leader (5,5)  
**7** Be paid attention by knight (4)  
**13** Rash in grottier folds (10)  
**15** Buffoon fell with force and cry of pain (10)  
**17** He'll sit uncomfortably on rough ocean (8)  
**19** Condition of leaving will challenge a country's borders (7)  
**21** From Durban, a narcotic plant (6)  
**23** Use lethal force in proportion (4)  
**24** Exposed wound reported (4)

**Solution to the Saturday prize puzzle on Saturday February 15**  
**Solution to yesterday's prize puzzle on Monday February 17**  
**Crossword winners' names will be printed in Weekend FT**