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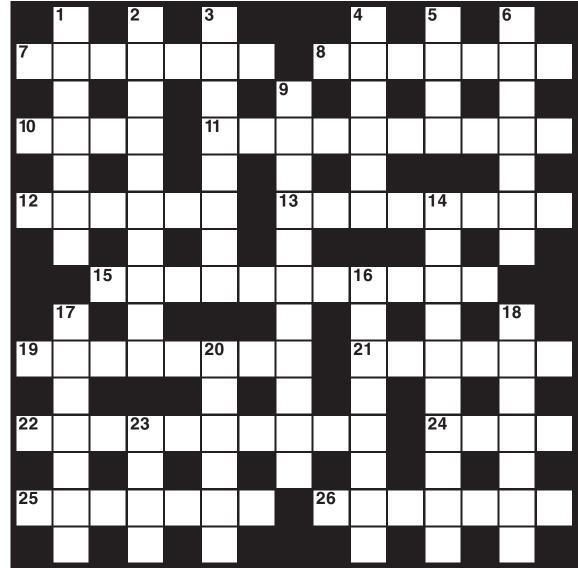
- 7 Taught to cook trout by journalist (7)
- 8 Send on attacking player (7)
- 10 Current affairs incorporating all four points (4)
- **11** Noel orbits variable stars (6,4)
- **12** Heated fossil fuel in the flower plot (6)
- **13** Demanding hiding place, we hear, for money (4,4)
- 15 Person skilled with locks? (11)
- **19** Shouter maintaining model, one with a set of rules (8)
- 21 Reduce tuition time orally (6)
- 22 Curio Angus put out, being impolite (10)
- 24 Cards' winning serves (4)
- 25 Tavern's refurbished by domestic worker (7)
- 26 University department hiding key is out of order (7)

DOWN

- 1 Note UK trend on the rise for noble rank (7)
- 2 Professional adviser continued to take in Muslim ruler (10)
- 3 Put in second request about key instrument (8)
- 4 Trap in a niche (6)
- 5 Was exchanging second-class mop (4)
- 6 Being without creative subject is naive (7)
- **9** Hearing shot will lead to crime (4,7)
- **14** Bill's daughter raises main point of cake (7,3)

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- **16** Door-to-door trader, terribly mean lass (8)
- **17** Person showing off with one of Santa's team (7)
- 18 They take charge temporarily, regarding men's toilet (7)
- 20 Modern centre renovated (6)
- 23 Roam in orchard without leader (4)