ACROSS

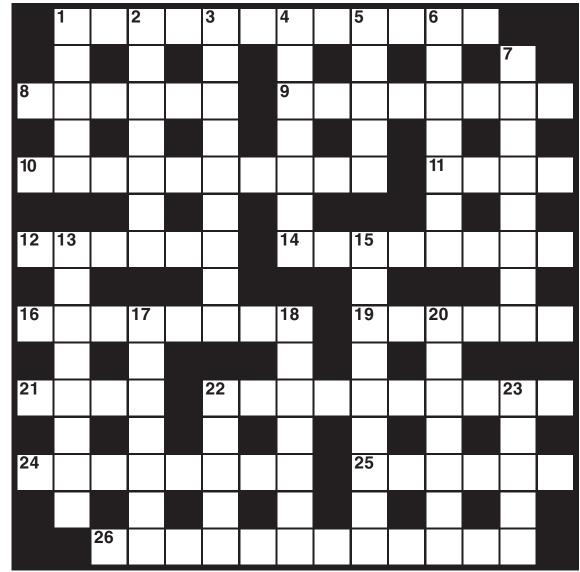
- 1 One giving nitrogen-filled meat to the spian (12)
- 8 Vessel almost disappeared in words of the trade (6)
- **9** Type of sweater to kiss after game (4,4)
- 10 One who's partial to rabbit? (10)
- 11 Late archbishop's skirt! (4)
- **12** Make further amendments to part of agreed itinerary (2-4)
- **14** No strike in bad year for the agent (8)
- 16 Had a fight and was thrown out (8)
- **19** Joiner? There's more than one in Weston-super-Mare! (6)
- 21 Endless filth is ghastly (4)
- 22 Little devil, once rat, wrecked status (10)
- 24 Mad score composed for friends (8)
- 25 The hollowed out tree about to wobble (6)
- 26 Major success when holiday is over (12)

DOWN

- 1 Partly describe a chilly stretch of sand (5)
- 2 Invalidated necessity to carry tag back (7)
- 3 Touching end of one that's nailed (9)
- 4 Competent enough to cover father with rope (7)
- 5 King has caught the foreign chill (5)
- 6 Musical pieces brings the devil very big returns (7)
- 7 Caledonian at liberty to go unpunished (4-4)
- 13 Cart goes over foreign delicacy (8)
- **15** He gets what's coming to him (9)

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- 17 One who likes getting married again (7)
- **18** Part-payment for silicon in store (7)
- **20** Up late, surprisingly, having to cross a tableland (7)
- 22 Cricket side followed by Juliet? (5)
- 23 European payment talked about (5)