ACROSS

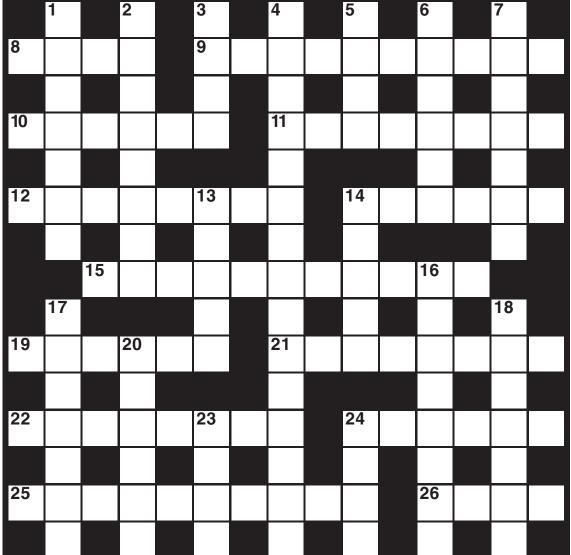
- 8 Force getting on with first gift (4)
- **9** Gives up with rerun, dress needing adjustment (10)
- **10** As an alternative, maintain lie uncovered in part (2,4)
- 11 Visit High Street and let rip (2,2,4)
- **12** Great musician makes for very riotous outcome (8)
- **14** French city hospital for church district (6)
- **15** Daring time in December with you ending sour bust-up (11)
- **19** Broadcasts second matches with first point lost (6)
- 21 Disaster for Jane (8)
- 22 Support placed over jaw, lip or cheek (8)
- 24 Chase money-holder around the 2nd of July (6)
- 25 Is a girl able to take on one pasta? (10)
- 26 Jug right behind a sheep (4)

DOWN

- 1 Boot reinforcement hard (Albion playing) (7)
- 2 Let in, or let out? (8)
- 3 Thesaurus contains Jacob's twin (4)
- **4** Forecast that no patriotic song will get composed (15)
- 5 Tend to be drunk in depression (4)
- 6 Magazine chief, when poorly treated, rioted (6)
- **7** Skill shown in bow on eastern steamship (7)
- **13** Love poetry, almost, for deliveries (5)
- 14 Danger of going back into Somali Republic (5)
- 16 Before fair increase to the more affluent (8)

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- 17 Understand there's a passage, and escape (3,4)
- **18** Sweet with no filling ruled out as dessert (7)
- 20 Demanding, like a royal (6)
- 23 Man will shortly find Hades (4)
- 24 Sound white bucket (4)