ACROSS

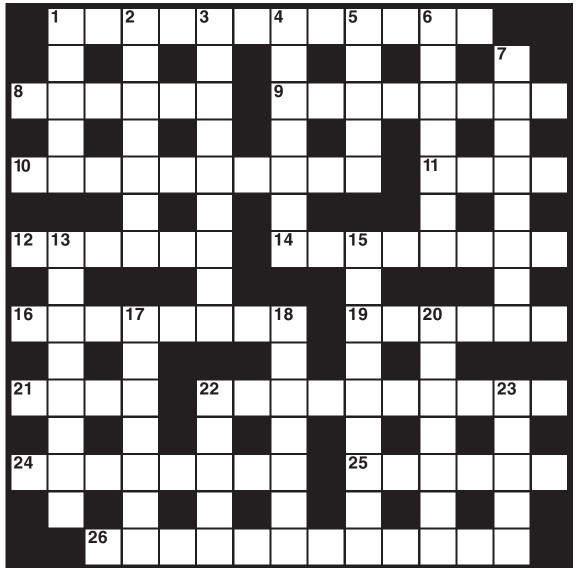
- 1 Something happening to a friend by the way (12)
- 8 Sarah's prepared to attack repeatedly (6)
- 9 Breaks down any sales arrangement (8)
- 10 Vandalism, so look at me in depression (10)
- **11** Queen featured in Mexican newspaper (4)
- 12 Catches sight of Eastern agents (6)
- 14 List next to the French pictures (8)
- 16 Brings up, runs true to form (8)
- 19 Put into cipher, including poem (6)
- 21 In-house, a rival brand (4)
- 22 Venomous creature under dark nameless opening (5,5)
- 24 Cunning swimmer conceals one object (8)
- 25 Wished to be married, embracing soldier (6)
- **26** Cosy starship travelling in pursuit of distant bodies (12)

DOWN

- 1 Furious buccaneer losing head (5)
- 2 Indian food and drink I knock up (7)
- 3 Person getting rid of vending machine (9)
- 4 Least distant eastern trip (7)
- 5 To be patient sounds a burden (5)
- **6** Expose unprofessional animal on the radio (3,4)
- 7 Tofu for Bruce and Dicky (4,4)
- 13 Memory of holiday may make one nervous (8)
- 15 Separatist holiday abroad? (9)

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- 17 Despots in the party ran tsardoms (7)
- **18** Break potato put in drink (5,2)
- 20 Wine from China it being drunk (7)
- 22 British air ruined wild rose (5)
- 23 Begins a show with zero writing implements? (5)