ACROSS
1 Seed playing can read about golf club competition (3,3,5,4)
9 Harry's blocked by a police force wanting ID (4,3)
10 English runner takes leg number six in college leisure activity (7)
11 Constable aims to do such sketches of local views – Essex firstly (5)
12 Italian serving special crackers at eight (9)
13 Short water pipe, say, is placed over a shrubby plant (9)
15 Size of waist perhaps taking cook aback (disheartening truth) (5)
16 Film second contest (5)
18 Country health farm signior regularly attended after damage (3,6)
20 Visor on ground restricts team game – there’s trouble catching (9)
23 Maybe change fleece that's awful (5)
24 Injury intensified having pulled someone's leg (5,2)
25 New type of light seen during Christmas, mostly gold (7)
26 A way to get rich? Fearful woman in US describes twist (6,5,4)

DOWN
1 Novelist's grave edging, reportedly, covers passage (6,9)
2 Took a punt from graduate, on left-hand bank, and drifted (7)
3 Celebrity touring switched to glowing religious building (5,4)
4 Upset quiet soldier's expressions of dejection (5)
5 Performing outside in concrete area, earn encore (4,5)
6 Spirit Nicky drained with speed? (5)
7 Flier originally appears through Tim's front door half missing (7)
8 Dog discovered outside wrong house by people here (7,8)
14 Place to eat and chat about Proust novel (9)
15 Old ruler has two thousand pounds to entertain brothers on river (5,4)
17 Practical workers united in repairing rail, after five (7)
19 Embryonic design of iron enthrals university type extremely (2,5)
21 Recording number six: poem, start to finish (5)
22 Sloth perhaps displayed excellent mount (5)

Solution 15,745

JOTTER PAD