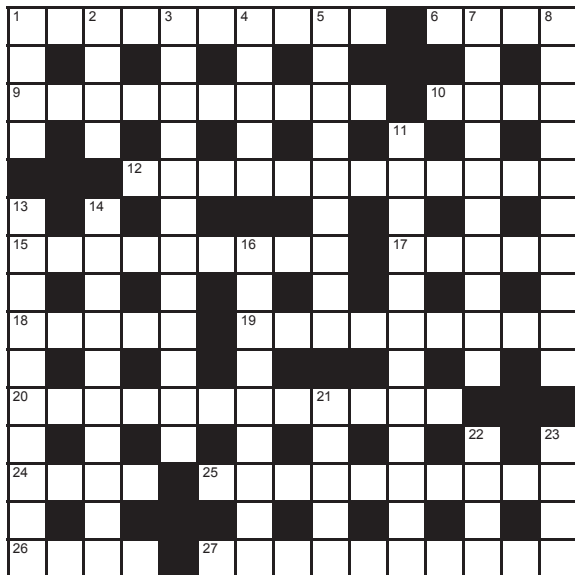


# CROSSWORD

## No. 16,373 Set by GURNEY



JOTTER PAD

### ACROSS

- 1 One planning to have desserts sent back, say, at first (10)
- 6 Dad in street quarrel (4)
- 9 Possible to understand partner of old, flexible about contact initially (10)
- 10 Unhappy Tory (4)
- 12 New court rule hit growers' work (12)
- 15 One defending a game point (9)
- 17 Reactionary officer's airship (5)
- 18 Annoyed jacket is taken off in joint (5)
- 19 Features of engines, extremely tough, dry in parts (9)
- 20 Pause winter job, wife's away (12)
- 24 Admits one was needing support first of all (4)
- 25 Unexpectedly test desire in minor way? (4,6)
- 26 Band of distinction, say, describing some windows (4)
- 27 A remote run upset census worker (10)

### DOWN

- 1 Quiet newspaper man in small building (4)
- 2 Cord somewhat retro perhaps (4)
- 3 Unfortunate tyro with grim tone describing branch of mathematics? (12)
- 4 Financial support for Hugh maybe (5)

- 5 Very much legal – otherwise I may be called in? (9)
- 7 In very clear manner clued “pill” in new way, easy ultimately (10)
- 8 Time man met upcoming nuisance – drama as a result! (3,7)
- 11 Traveller ruined goblet – despicable person! (12)
- 13 Aims a clout - out of order, disastrous (10)
- 14 These provide reading matter as reserve runs for Parliament (10)
- 16 Home schooling that seems right (9)
- 21 Old-fashioned uncle accepting note (5)
- 22 Small creature not seen before tantalises at outset (4)
- 23 Celebrity's disdainful expression on way up (4)

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