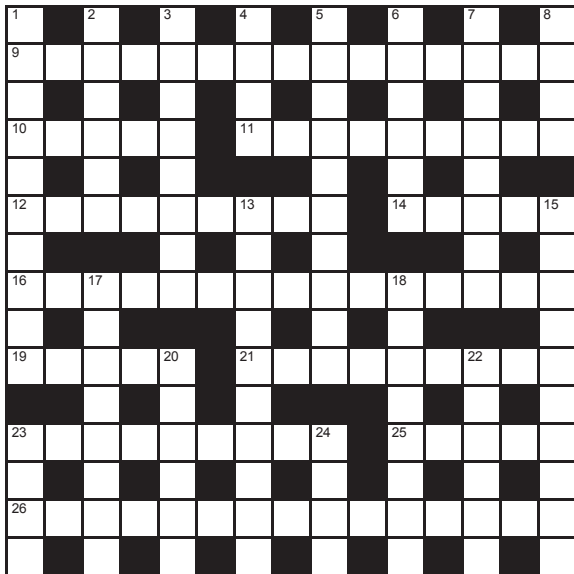


# CROSSWORD

No. 15,863 Set by GURNEY



## ACROSS

- 9 Better again, miles high? (5,3,7)
- 10 Old president recalls a date selectively (5)
- 11 Reference work? That's bull, fellow's admitted (9)
- 12 Shocks Spurs playing across slope (9)
- 14 Miss is enthusiastic about circular letter (5)
- 16 Rural aunt upset with lassie's game far away? (10,5)
- 19 The really upsetting sticky situation just starting – a bind (5)
- 21 Way to get TV list included can be freshened up (9)
- 23 Fabric from Turin a pal ordered (9)
- 25 Second showing somewhat poorer unfortunately (5)
- 26 A fix, mental, is one turning to this? (4-11)

## DOWN

- 1 Football body initially lambasts group defending top player's illegal move (5,5)
- 2 Be close to Bishop, fraternity (6)
- 3 Gallery employee maybe referring to shop by river (8)
- 4 Warbler talk (4)
- 5 Form of gambling – son to cry over amount risked (10)
- 6 Country accountant overlooking nothing? (6)
- 7 One cleaning firm with almost all the fuel (8)
- 8 God, angry, upset (4)
- 13 Alert, calls for change in table feature? (10)
- 15 Seem record making money – album's first to come out (10)
- 17 4 or 9 say disheartened lady? Honestly? (8)
- 18 Call right over publicity – find way round (4,4)
- 20 Decided one fancied at Wimbledon will welcome a learner (6)
- 22 Stop working after tease over low score (6)
- 23 Request time at first for work to be carried out (4)
- 24 Seize fastening device (4)

JOTTER PAD