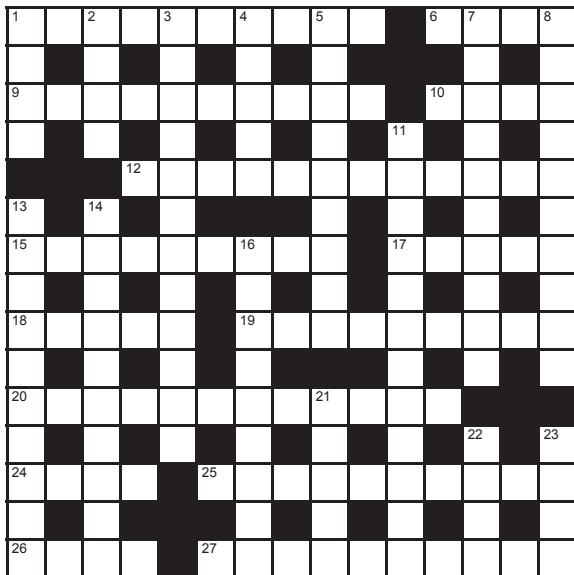


CROSSWORD

No. 15,900 Set by GURNEY



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Attractive source? More or less (6,4)
- 6 Close, quiet, unlit, empty (4)
- 9 Finish off religious building that is initially not thought suitable (10)
- 10 Concert for first of May (4)
- 12 Cracking guys back – see order after unravelling? (4-8)
- 15 Former inhabitant of Africa – island fellow (9)
- 17 One going downhill fast in winter? (5)
- 18 Tom's cry maybe as ambition rebuffed – “That hurts!” (5)
- 19 Imply some get a cider pack on way back (9)
- 20 Smutty communications? (5,7)
- 24 Surprise visit of Gunners tracked by papers (4)
- 25 Tailor the brand, it's tough and realistic (4-6)
- 26 Source of light circuit Mike's installed (4)
- 27 Age – it helps – working in diplomatic post? (10)

DOWN

- 1 Bill in gym showing speed of movement (4)
- 2 Bird near inlet regularly (4)
- 3 Gee! He won't bet! Unexpectedly novel (3,2-7)
- 4 Forgo gesture, by sound of it (5)

- 5 Learner on farm referring to a weather forecast maybe (4-5)
- 7 Defying convention, smuggling in millions, sealed (10)
- 8 Revise term in contrived manner? He might (4-6)
- 11 Unease about extremely reckless story raised in song (12)
- 13 Quarterly test including obscure terms (10)
- 14 Speaker I introduced to parent agreed postponement (10)
- 16 Confidentially at home chatter about foursome (2,7)
- 21 Upset Aidan's girl (5)
- 22 Hard to avoid temporary difficulty or seven-year one? (4)
- 23 Bird reduced – a bargain (4)

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