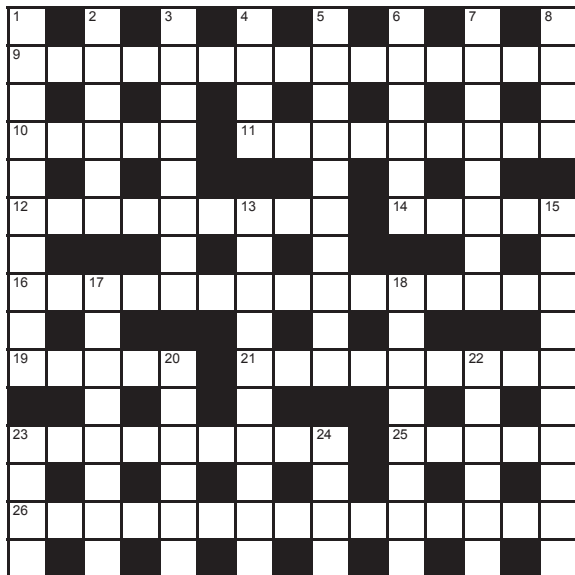


# CROSSWORD

## No. 16,304 Set by GURNEY



JOTTER PAD

### ACROSS

- 9 Eyeing from here, proves boat is not manoeuvring? (11,4)
- 10 Expression of contempt about colour (5)
- 11 Reportedly quiet before lunch, say, patchy (9)
- 12 He takes meat in refurbished Rio cavern (9)
- 14 After tips from teetotaler rejected fish (5)
- 16 On return, emphasised farmers' body is in sharing arrangement – sweet (a bit perhaps) (15)
- 19 Perfume despatched, by sound of it (5)
- 21 A place for bowling impresses writer – time for correspondence (9)
- 23 Dined alone cut off in plant (9)
- 25 Coming back, make fun of our group? That's annoying! (5)
- 26 Note usual triers messing about – dangerous game (7,8)

### DOWN

- 1 Democrats after review accepting old people, important, may move in these (10)
- 2 To some extent likes the rackets girl (6)
- 3 Note about dance at home – no palms beyond this? (4,4)
- 4 Not exactly politician's military life (4)
- 5 Row about Maine's abbreviation – look up and watch maybe (10)

- 6 Popular group fly perhaps (6)
- 7 No mixer – learner, individual needing smooth progress on way up (4,4)
- 8 From metallics and others (2,2)
- 13 Overnight case? No (10)
- 15 Frankly discuss story finally changed with support of country (4,6)
- 17 Back in Paris is becoming rigorous in the extreme (8)
- 18 Exaggerated merit of completed series' introduction – out of date (8)
- 20 Unproved premise in article so idealistic, silly first of all (6)
- 22 Describing position of summit, beginning to end (6)
- 23 Read about challenge (4)
- 24 Type of light knee joint, nothing odd in that (4)

Solution 16,303

