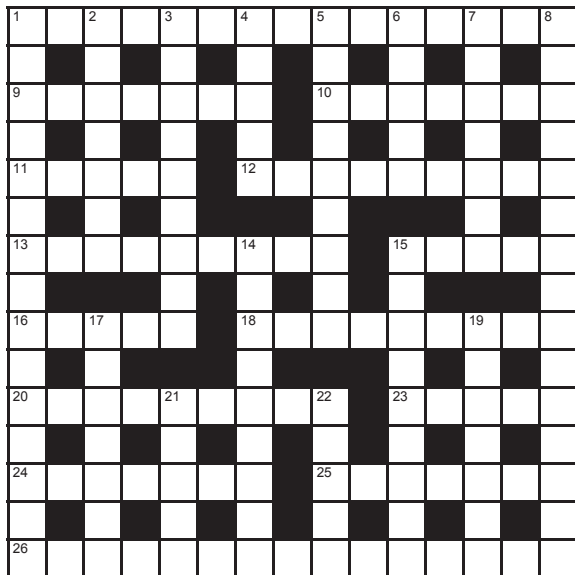


CROSSWORD

No. 16,486 Set by GURNEY



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Youth, top one, last to be involved in tie-break? Not at Wimbledon (7,5-3)
- 9 Aims high most of time, providing seafood (7)
- 10 Suspicion after artist in continual struggle (3,4)
- 11 Worker in trial year regularly absent (5)
- 12 Changed, a man irons in republic (3,6)
- 13 Singers and visitors welcoming returning soldiers (9)
- 15 Refrain from using duplicate (5)
- 16 Freshly starting, fast, with too much to say? (5)
- 18 Retreats from initially hostile notion habits will follow (9)
- 20 Reserve restrains a flyer in game (5,4)
- 23 Vehicle instructor (5)
- 24 Folklore leitmotif? To some extent perhaps she is (7)
- 25 Satirical piece about uncompleted bio that boosts you on holiday? (3-4)
- 26 Queen Mum right: that's a new weighty piece, covering one better missed outside (5,10)

DOWN

- 1 Prudent, like extremely savvy Scottish smoker, securing permission to stay (9,6)
- 2 One at first not into big bites, leaving expensive restaurant? (7)

- 3 Truly less extreme gathering (9)
- 4 Scene of fighting – push not ending after year (5)
- 5 Realistic, moved fast to protect daughter and son after upset (4-5)
- 6 East German I asked originally to identify old Rome's port (5)
- 7 Instrument in auto, car in America (7)
- 8 Unusual Web post there about Derby authorities? (3,6,4,2)
- 14 National of Haiti? Nope, wrong (9)
- 15 Upright guy, Greek character, willing (9)
- 17 At work prepare for one who should improve wall's appearance (7)
- 19 Expert skill, going over area again (7)
- 21 Avril keenly embracing poet (5)
- 22 Something used by cowboy's girl – ring (5)

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