

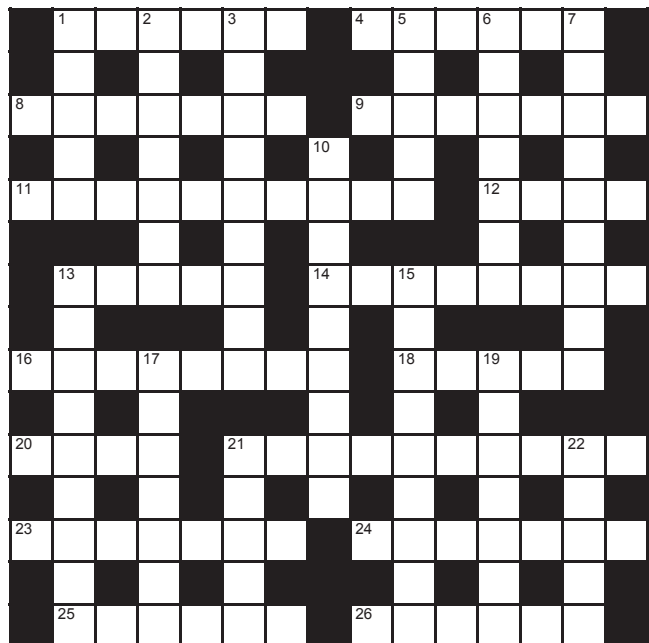
Crossword 15,716 Set by Redshank

ACROSS

- 1 Stand up to work, then sit (6)
- 4 Small child loves Latin tutor (6)
- 8 Amuse oneself by winning over Romeo (7)
- 9 Nearly twelve on holiday take five? (4,3)
- 11 Distributes software current playwright's penning (10)
- 12 A bit of storage space back in place of altar (4)
- 13 Minute assistant withdraws papers etc (5)
- 14 Ring prof who's after forest food for ancient herbivore (8)
- 16 Female's nursing a big bird? I approve (4,4)
- 18 Speaker doesn't begin to try (5)
- 20 One's reproduced water in Oxford (4)
- 21 Kitchen expert circles right round celeb (5,5)
- 23 Cricket's first law restricts member in crease (7)
- 24 Needle and daggers with sleek edges (7)
- 25 Service paymasters with English sailors present (6)
- 26 Crown of every tenth tree blighted SW city (6)

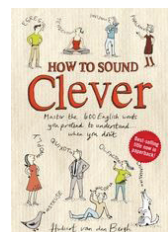
DOWN

- 1 Sides engaged in quoits start to polish deck? (5)
- 2 Reward boy carrying ordinary cargo (7)
- 3 Band's brief gesture on leaving? (5,4)
- 5 Traverse tip of Antarctic sea there (5)
- 6 Old ass rises and leaves for kitchen (7)
- 7 Long sentence's right in biography (4,5)
- 10 Orange mob scattered, throwing missile (9)
- 13 Big Eddy, top musician, hogs large mike (9)
- 15 Spar alone had packed in broadcast TV (9)
- 17 Began again to think about owing money (7)
- 19 TV fundraiser given up after husband left memo (7)
- 21 Regularly trouble earl and monarch (5)
- 22 He's habitually early or late for part of flight (5)



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