CROSSWORD
No. 15,885 Set by BRADMAN

ACROSS
1. Titled lady in matters involving English society (8)
2. See 19
5. Guide is bore, old fellow (8)
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10. Man of fables who is appreciated by those in pub? (6)
12. Poison murderer finally added to top of cake – not good! (5)
13. Achievement by ambassador looking embarrassed, owl-like? (9)
14. Foot inadequate? Something medically soothing required (6)
16. Henry having as much as can be carried – dangerous (7)
18. Principal executioner? (7)
20. Musical composition that’s outstanding – overblown, on reflection? (6)
22. Tory did public duty, kept out of harm’s way?
23. Note – always a particular one echoing (5)
24. Clue “doable”? Measure of reflection needed (6)
25. Altering nasty shape with straight lines (8)
26. Fast agent crossing river to the west (6)
27. Celebrity getting cold – he had stiffened up (8)

DOWN
1. Trees in arcades pollarded badly (6)
2. Strange tabernacle in USA that cannot be discovered (15)