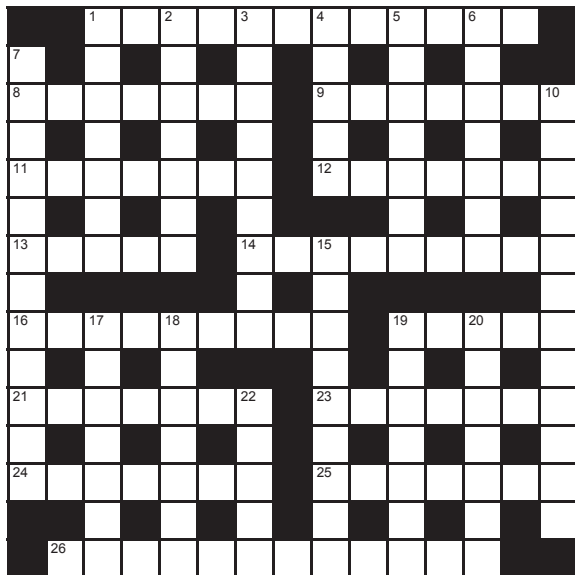


# CROSSWORD

## No. 15,771 Set by GURNEY



JOTTER PAD

### ACROSS

- 1 Amusingly he exaggerates strange trait associated with a circus (12)
- 8 Celebrity is blocking change (1-6)
- 9 Called about family position (7)
- 11 Former writer's ultimately futile outlay (7)
- 12 Part of intro, uncertain beat (7)
- 13 Mob in store reportedly (5)
- 14 Somewhat loathsome person for example always coming back (2,1,6)
- 16 Revised alerts received by parent causing confusion (9)
- 19 Supper's beginning – our group welcome eastern dish (5)
- 21 Sudden increase overwhelming place – leading to extravagance (7)
- 23 Close a north-eastern passage (3,4)
- 24 Uncovered Scot having slip on return before court? Right (7)
- 25 Initially impolite, discourteous in referring to listener? Senseless (7)
- 26 Girl with thief, one not willing to spend (5-7)

### DOWN

- 1 Lively golfer producing lofted shot? (7)
- 2 Group held up by rogue unit, erratic (7)

- 3 Find fault with record wood expert revealed? (9)
- 4 Cutting about old pack (5)
- 5 Author Arthur's payment for liberation picked up (7)
- 6 Transgressor nicks soft bowler (7)
- 7 Dial those people, posh (so!) – confront consequences (4,3,5)
- 10 Influential figure in emergency broadcast by English (4,8)
- 15 Poster girl, one working to make entry fee (9)
- 17 Unexpectedly general increase (7)
- 18 Doctor's child suppressing desire (7)
- 19 Language as relative clutches vessel, hot? (7)
- 20 Time to interrupt one looking rudely – race official (7)
- 22 Entirely consume "repast" – gulp regularly? (3,2)

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