**ACROSS**

9  Somehow it’s right, following A-road to Heanor after accident (3,3,2,7)
10  Essentially Micra is easy to jack up (5)
11  What some artists use as representation of a lion and its pride, primarily (3,6)
12  Rum guy, member of secret society (9)
14  Short program with concealed bug (5)
16  One with testing work, reassembling electronic motorbike part? (3-6,6)
19  Female flyer about to meet first lady (5)
21  Take a little time getting into a clinch, oddly, as a circus act? (9)
23  If so, could be no number nine playing with Gulf State’s right winger (9)
25  Former footballer, throwing last boot out (5)
26  Work with skipper and his two best mates? (5,3,2,1,4)

**DOWN**

1  After second day out, David’s back in bed (4-6)
2  Supporting retirement of unfinished clue? (6)
3  Irish nationalist sect, with name changed (8)
4  A little Italian flower firm (4)
5  Roughly deflower a lass? No fool, but arguably a horny beast (6,4)
6  Work as Nato manager? (6)
7  Port in a combination of single, double and treble (8)
8  Flower girl having one-night stands, reportedly (4)
13  Can 1960s film contain terrifyingly destructive goddess doubles? (10)
15  Reduce intensity of drama’s opening, having drunk ale with cast (2-8)
17  Frank has to get rid of old-fashioned heater (4,4)
18  Aristocrat upset good French lover (8)
20  Not easily excited, supporting the Spanish team (6)
22  Excellent clue, including helpful abbreviation for the reader (6)
23  As far as possible, starting out afresh (2,2)
24  Walk through part of airport, say (4)

**Solution 16,055**

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THROWAFIT TOPUP
OCRAUEURUI
POPBULARDAYTRIP
IRLTSIE
CRISPHEZITATED
SATEHAR
RYEPERFORMANCE
EEMEREA
PATERNOSTERSUM
ORURHG
SOAPOPERAADLIB
SNNNTETE
ENSUITEDESPAIR
SOOREENE
SATINREDBREAST
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