CROSSWORD
No. 15,526 Set by NEO

ACROSS
1 Cast doubt upon gospel? (8,4)
8 Under stress, having clashed with artist for nothing (7)
9 Pertinent area with rugby forwards keeping ball (7)
11 Regularly repaired unusual membrane (7)
12 Art style student is wrapped in paper (7)
13 Fine material from agriculturalist given ecstasy (5)
14 Pagan hero surprisingly abandoned children here (9)
16 Work with author – he gets one month to become novelist (9)
19 First man and second president (5)
21 Birds circling gloomy structure at Tyburn (7)
23 Nobel winner’s horse runs in Chile, looking lively (7)
24 Call upright character The Heartless Insect (7)
25 Tory backed with nothing offers negative response (2,3,2)
26 Worldly commander’s complaint about petty officer settled (12)

DOWN
1 Fall out from missile (7)
2 End rage in battle call to alert swordsman (2,5)
3 Staff in village having to rate Nancy’s article (5-4)
4 Love new song being broadcast (2,3)
5 Wine stain’s unfortunately showing up (7)
6 Salesman’s liar not right about carbon copy (7)
7 Certainly not an original idea (12)
10 No term for this computer instruction? (6,6)
15 Plant’s solicitor given fifty to entertain flighty type (9)
17 Friend comes to Rome rebuilt as capital (7)
18 Principal in Number Ten wrong about one element (7)
19 Fruit and a soft white cheese? No thanks! (7)
20 Article about wine involves grand French location (7)
22 Farm animals slowly escape – hard to stop that! (5)

Solution to Saturday’s prize puzzle on Saturday April 29
Solution to yesterday’s prize puzzle on Monday May 1
Winners’ names will be printed in Weekend FT