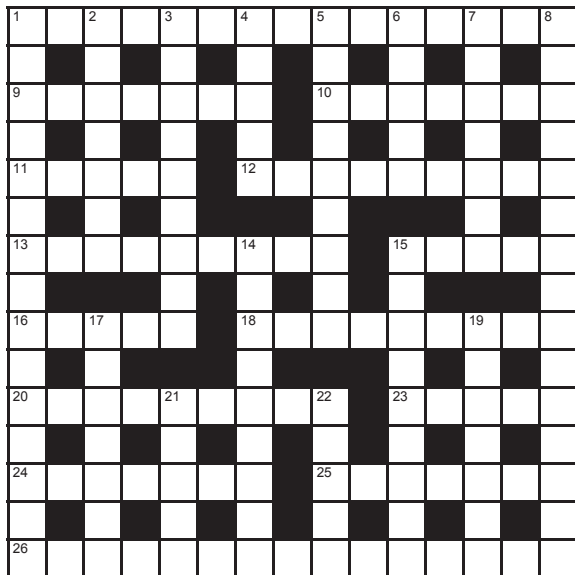


CROSSWORD

No. 15,654 Set by GURNEY



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Exotic satin dress strap Pole might display (5,3,7)
- 9 Somewhat stellar gesture, generous in the extreme (7)
- 10 When observed, there's no turning back at location, I'd say (2,5)
- 11 Guy from Northern Ireland with everything? (5)
- 12 Terribly nervous drinking quietly with a star (9)
- 13 Standards of behaviour quite possibly better after extremists leave (9)
- 15 By sound of it cricket side with small feeling of dissatisfaction (5)
- 16 Initially sleeping poorly every night, they're exhausted (5)
- 18 SA openers trained in this period? (9)
- 20 Exaggerates importance of dramas completed earlier (9)
- 23 Give up pro board game (5)
- 24 Hurry back by mid-year giving description of wet area (4-3)
- 25 Oddly Old Boy with pay increase gets perfume perhaps (7)
- 26 Six perfect balls in this game? Long odds against that! (8,7)

DOWN

- 1 Appeal for quiet colleges is binned, failing to start, unfortunately (7,2,6)
- 2 Aviatrix, very briefly flying, ordered for this transport? (3,4)
- 3 Society anguish over plea for casual wear (5,4)

- 4 Pays attention to distinctive vocal sounds (5)
- 5 Fine example succeeded – the way with no violence reportedly (9)
- 6 More prudent getting right to replace wide vertical pipe (5)
- 7 Restrict Margaret? Not happy (3,4)
- 8 Programme cost I'm breaking down – needs to be spelt out fully (9,6)
- 14 Leader knocking trophy over, crazy when bottom's pinched? (3,6)
- 15 Sentry and foe in struggle for command (4,5)
- 17 Factor in running away to get married, having no work? (7)
- 19 Starving and ravenous, first of all eat fish? (7)
- 21 Sauce from Dieppe store (5)
- 22 Sandbank crowd (5)

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