## **ACROSS**

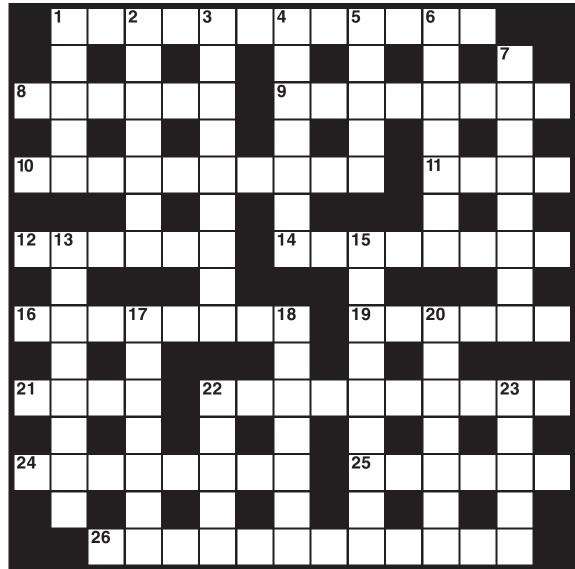
- 1 The issue of adoption? (12)
- 8 Looked at the man left without a place to sleep (6)
- 9 Double-first (4,4)
- 10 When odd, sell paired sandal (10)
- 11 Hello, goodbye! (4)
- 12 Finally delivering rubbish to Santa's home? (6)
- 14 Len chose wrong levels (8)
- **16** Wearing suit lavishly (2,6)
- **19** Worthless attempt to cover wood (6)
- 21 Average distress call for nothing (2-2)
- 22 Give spice to friend at certain times (10)
- 24 God enters request a lot (8)
- 25 Those out of this world, in sale, perhaps (6)
- 26 Dickensian is unfurling red Tudor flag (6,6)

## **DOWN**

- 1 Good players make bloomers too (5)
- 2 Stylish English member seen at about noon (7)
- 3 Raced round copse for timber (9)
- 4 Cooked ling due to spoil (7)
- 5 Male flyer he circumnavigated the globe (5)
- 6 I enter ruined chalet, being moral (7)
- 7 Plain German boy backing a vehicle inside (8)
- 13 Operated my old career by chance (8)
- 15 Awkward situation for one in a jacket? (3,6)

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- 17 College official needs publicity to head off medic (7)
- **18** Coastal barrier where marine animal holds rule back (3,4)
- 20 Vitality shown by one mother is staggering (7)
- 22 Eat quickly, and jeer (5)
- 23 Recluse in Toulon, erudite (5)