# CROSSWORD No 17,852 by SLEUTH

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### ACROSS

- **1** TV chairperson so distorted Guardian's position? (15)
- 9 Another hearing about natural walk slightly altered (7)
- 10 Trio's prepared starters of Tuscan olives— or other dish? (7)
- 11 Female recalled among urban electors(5)12 Illuminating director cutting musical
- prompt on return (9)

  13 Hallmark of a liberal society upsetting to
- 13 Hallmark of a liberal society upsetting to cleaner (9)15 Teams in pleasure trip, reportedly (5)16 Name house in retreat in French city (5)
- 18 Become aware of European in tangle beset by awful ego (3,4,2)
  20 Stumble to find pest, as it were (5,4)
  23 Section in text rattled one at the rear of
- 23 Section in text rattled one at the rear of scene? (5)
  24 A French bun's durable regularly? No, that's rare (7)

25 Rallying call to tour island, one

producing Italian tipple (7) **26** Abominable diner disturbed noted figure guiding players? (6,9)

## DOWN

- Round gift cleric replaced is writer's accessory? (10,5)
   Enthusiast given award after turning out
- Dutch dish with ground food (7)

  3 Pursue aid for renovating old theatre site (9)
- 4 Rate multinational group facilities on the rise (5)
- rise (5)

  5 Unsettled workers' group split about leaders of business using labour (9)
- 6 Artist snubbed leading member of a religious movement (5)
  7 Animated liberal in Spain for high-level communication (7)
- communication (7)

  8 Engineer finalises promos showing fitting competence (15)
- fitting competence (15)

  14 Man on board heard by junior reporter around large social venue (9)

  15 Councillor has current woman at work as point of reference (9)
- point of reference (9)

  17 This person's flipping left to go up as ex-Health Secretary (7)

  19 Use up quantity of money in worry over
- round (3,4)
  21 Avoid fool lacking in degree (5)
- **22** Character found at front of punishing race, possibly (5)