## **CROSSWORD** 17,866 by ROSA KLEBB

## **ACROSS**

closer (7.3)

- 1 Flock of black sheep, small for area (6)
- 4 Have enough to buy part of 2 Venomous type of gossip
- Staffordshire (6) **8** Flighty boomer is resentful
- and close to meltdown (7)
- 9 Harry Potter's complaint (7) 5 In favour of former currency 11 Spooner's trundling bags
- 12 Bamboozle wingless, flightless birds (4)
- 13 Bottle opener, veneered in part (5)
- 14 Disorder unloosed, with
- knobs on (8) **16** Grotesque outburst over
- drunken orgy (8) 18 Obsessive about new yearly 15 Piqued at heart, embraced
- record (5) 20 Tantrists regularly having
- sex (2.2) 21 Must function untiringly at
- first to stop conspiracy theory (4.3.3)23 Family relative behind
- leader of environmental movement (7)
- 24 Top beer brought back for Top Gear (7)
- 25 Good escort is exceptionally
- effusive person (6)
- 26 Clueless Keynesian acting crazy (6)



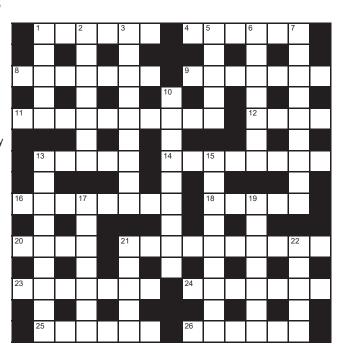
- 1 Lions intruded, escaping from trap (5)
- blowing top (7) 3 Liberal refused to throttle
- vacuous lefty, surprisingly (9)
- market (5) 6 University dons stole rubbish and left best in shop
- (7)7 Payment is absurdly curtailed abroad (9)
- 10 Severe European taking part in group sex (9)
- 13 Northern man spending pounds for close shave (4.5)
- by a gender-bending transvestite (4.5) 17 Think hosts extremely

starts to resent ageing (7)

- trivial and weak (7) 19 Falls over backwards and
- 21 Scoundrel wins cycling race at last (5)
- 22 Over-long remark (5)



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