

August 2026 Slot 2 by REW

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Across

- 1** Wears gear and fills kit-bag (6,9)
- 9** Start-up partner is one making things less clear, without an initial notification (2-7)
- 10** Minor persons you thought are expected to be dropped (5)
- 11** Chanticleer perch attached to hollow elder (7)
- 12** Camouflaged wasp on sore back? (7)
- 13** Perform pirouettes in Henry's Church. (It is etiquette?) (4)
- 14** Track enthusiasts prefer them long (4)
- 16** Rule breaking type of tackle (4)
- 19** Why his old Arabian originally was told to stop (4)
- 20** Pop is also dad's focus (4)
- 22** Just like a blonde (4)
- 25** Try to win, but dog interrupts approach (7)
- 26** Always mass producing the Toffees (7)
- 27** Vomits, striking the head with bars (5)
- 28** Perversely, I tie lands to free an estate (9)
- 29** Quartet of major successes in courts (6,5,4)

Down

- 1** Kids competition to get rid of people (4,4)
- 2** Rotten Street Promoter, is winner after a rocky ride (3-4,8)
- 3** Start to tickle relatives' ribs (6)
- 4** Suffered under Ed? (7)
- 5** Stands atop hills (7)
- 6** A year stuck in elections contributing to company's outgoings (8)
- 7** End of rescue with search dog, following awful rain, uncovers rider's course (10,5)
- 8** Wrestles his tart - without a top! (1-5)
- 15** Almost sent back loud couple (3)
- 17** Wet, bareheaded, backward oiks get pulled offshore (5,3)
- 18** Fun with lemur spoiled. (It prevents tongues wagging too much) (8)
- 20** Polar workhorse recklessly dodges left (4,3)
- 21** Profound disease centre where submarines lurk (4,3)
- 23** Pretend to be a vitamin salesman (3,3)
- 24** Inclined to be wise right away (6)