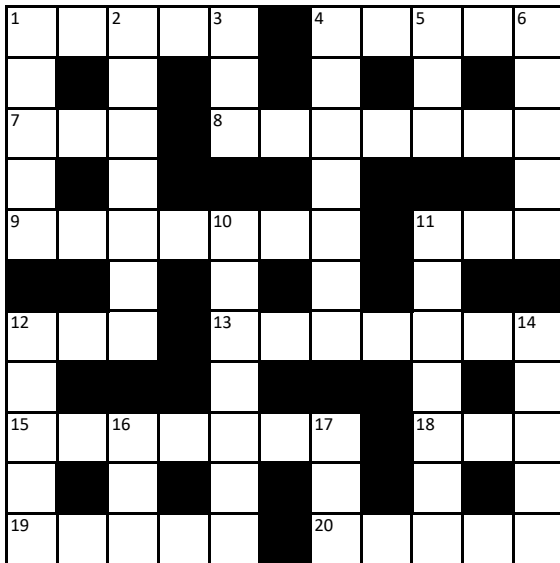


For Mum 2026

by TORUS



ACROSS

- 1 Business taking on both sexes - yes, that's settled. (5)
- 4 Sacrifice in aid of leave. (5)
- 7 Grain discovered while taking the way back. (3)
- 8 Where treatment happens to be poorly written by second-rate journalist. (7)
- 9 Ned and Lee thrown out onto street at first, perhaps for playing music. (7)
- 11 Soar largely with propeller. (3)
- 12 Fluid talk. (3)
- 13 Closest, dearest partner. (7)
- 15 Left partly surrounded by parasites, which might raise a laugh! (7)
- 18 Swim in Bondi perhaps. (3)
- 19 It's wrong to take a square of material. (5)
- 20 Cede from seed? (5)

DOWN

- 1 No fantasy creature comes back with a gentle song. (5)
- 2 Cat climbs up on woman to begin singing to those we love. (7)
- 3 The old you has gone south, as per the agreement. (3)
- 4 I follow such madness with a blanket of note to brighten up the bed? (7)
- 5 A rough thing comes back, smooth. (3)
- 6 More senior and senile nobleman swallowing drugs. (5)
- 10 Someone got fleeced to make a lotion. (7)
- 11 Finished desserts too late. (7)
- 12 Portals emerge from yoga test. (5)
- 14 Bear eats most of pie, which might suit Goldilocks. (5)
- 16 Here's a little cash to return to bed. (3)
- 17 Conclusion of essay, for example. (3)