

£500 TO BE WON ★ NO 1,725

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No 1,725, PO Box 3451, Norwich NR7 7NR. Entries will be accepted until 11.59pm on Friday 27 November. One random winner from all correct entries will win £250 and five runners-up will win £50 each. If you enter after the closing date you will not be included but may still be charged. Phone and text helpline: 0330 100 0601. Winners will be notified by phone within 14 days. Solution in two weeks.

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ACROSS

- 6** French novelist (surname) who lived from 1871 until 1922 (6)
- 7** (And **12 across**) Area of **5 down** that you'd associate with Robin Hood (8,6)
- 9** Cry profusely (4)
- 11** Improve, enhance (10)
- 12** See **7 across**
- 13** Clan or group emblem (5)
- 14** Humorous, funny (7)
- 16** Piece, portion or instalment (7)
- 18** Animal (5)
- 19** Dance in a way that involves shaking your hips and

shoulders from side to side (6)

- 20** County which borders **5 down** (10)
- 21** Mythological nymph spurned by Narcissus (4)
- 22** Series of things to be done (8)
- 23** Individual cake (6)

DOWN

- 1** A cherished democratic right (7,2,6)
- 2** The Royal House that ruled England and Scotland from 1603 until 1714 (6)
- 3** Postulates (7)
- 4** Official list recording names, events or transactions (8)

- 5** English county (15)
- 8** Efficient, professional, skilled (11)
- 10** Likely, expected, sure (11)

- 15** Mr John, the late artist who turned down a knighthood (8)
- 17** Exalted (7)
- 19** Nepalese guide – as found in the Himalayas (6)

SOLUTION TO NO 1,723

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