



**Across**

- 1 Money for old rope to fasten round prince's middle (8)
- 5 Policeman shows love for a quiet artisan (6)
- 9 Ivan ran amok to find state of bliss (7)
- 10 This clue is reversed on stretching (7)
- 11 Acting to eliminate outbreak of gastritis (5)
- 12 Parisian's close to key TV role (9)
- 13 Bonds provided by a soffit nail I used (12)
- 17 Ancient shire broken up into estates (12)

- 20 Take back what a devil may do to a poorly-exorcised soul? (9)
- 22 Type of music the French brought back for composer (5)
- 23 Another take on quiet Scottish umpire's verdict? (7)
- 24 Prepared a dry wine I consumed (7)
- 25 Short swim for each river-dwelling bird (6)
- 26 Means of storing liquid: chamberpot; toilet (8)

**Down**

- 1 See people at these formal gatherings? (6)
- 2 Fantasy land? Sounds more like Indian bread! (6)
- 3/14 Coins given to gambler? That's an improvement! (6,3,3,6)
- 4 Having smeared paper with skin cream, gets another engagement (13)
- 6 Big cat seen in part of pound (5)
- 7 Source of colours isn't commonly found in lead oxide? Wrong! (8)

- 8 Look, sir, a narrator is covering up what 14 did (3,1,4)
- 10 Best part of Leo's allotment? (3,5,5)
- 14 See 3
- 15 Faithfully reproduced scan somehow leaves morris dancer confused (8)
- 16 Develops fashions on horseback (6,2)
- 18 A bulb not left to turn into a fungus (6)
- 19 Poet's retreat that has no damp problem? (6)
- 21 Write music and make it groovy? (5)