

**Across**

- 1** SS villain's best friend on the force? (6,6,3)
9 Responses to arsenic will present differently (9)
10 Content from Zappa, Stereophonics or Pulp (5)
11 Rest home's third letter ignored by old ladies (6)
12 Ballsy way to overcome nerves? (8)
13 A bit of tech in vehicles travelling around? (6)
15 Cabinet committee on Cuba in revolt (8)

18 I back that woman to down one more stout (8)

- 19** Trader's come-on and female's dismissive reply (3,3)
21 What can be had with a large G&T? (4,4)
23 It's a slippery slope for people to go down (3,3)
26 Present wife with bottom or run away (5)
27 Easy-going play on the radio? (9)
28 Assets used to keep a business going in Venice? (8,7)

Down

- 1** Three old females likely to petrify barbers? (7)
2 Fish or leftover bit of joint? (5)
3 The wake of the fart knocked over mother (9)
4 Game in which one may become immersed? (4)
5 Hear this album all over blasted iTunes (6,2)
6 In which money is stolen from a van? (5)
7 Criminal spree vandalised dado rails (9)
8 Strong desire to drink when lubricated (7)

14 Start to go red with hard labours (3,4,2)

- 16** Baron in jail unable to do business? (7,2)
17 Chaps penning long manuscript for Titanic director? (8)
18 Piece of foliage used to camouflage privates? (3,4)
20 One tweeting about social worker's break down (7)
22 Viz character who's foolish and full of gas? (2,3)
24 Cook right to brag after dismissing opener (5)
25 Clever chap with beer on tap (4)