



## Across

- 1/9/17** Famous last words: "Gee Mum, I... yes I must be mad to join in a stag do in disguise!" (1,2,4,5,7,3,3,2,4,4)
- 10** Tale-teller is very green about going West (5)
- 12** 8 maybe skewered by back-pass, gets quarters in recess... (9)
- 13** ...with no quarter for drink, coming back about town (8)
- 14** Long note must never be held back (5)
- 16/2** Desk feature to employ, to a degree, in test (5,3)
- 17** See 1

- 20** Not about to let go of housing arrangement! (9)
- 22** Philosopher to see what can be eaten (or maybe not!) with one ingredient missed out (5)
- 23** Diminishing prominence of an awful critic, about to step back, with army involved (9,3,3)
- 25** Changing job of old Counsel, with scheme for workforce to start tomorrow (12)

## Down

- 1** One thus equipped with rod and line (6)
- 2** See 16 Across

- 3** Short of time, Pinter cut one out, for minimum damage (4,5)
- 4** Sweet chestnut, say, harbouring resin, top to bottom (7)
- 5** Old transport ship very soon to sail North? (7)
- 6** Smallest amount raised by reluctant neighbour (5)
- 7** Have a stab with this copied rhyme - pointlessly absurd (10)
- 8** One who's consulted about cost, without hesitation (7)
- 11** Drugs such as a flocculant taken up during periods (10)
- 14** Call to oppose cruel farming

method involves London and country, at first separately (6-3)

- 15** Filling the morning with a good buffet outside (7)
- 17** Duty to draw canine (7)
- 18** Check the oats possibly involving Mounted Police (7)
- 19** Stalin to cure his acne? (6)
- 21** Yvonne to start, rather than finish, in scary high location! (5)
- 24** Time to go on strike? (3)