



Across

- 8 About 5 oddly erring in the club (6)
- 9 Pioneer: first (8)
- 10 Rule might be run - it went to pot (9)
- 12 Partners are losing two strokes in a tangle (5)
- 13 I fuse together outside parts of anomaly at last in a military style (9)
- 14 Nothing broadcast at the time is that green (5)

- 15 Draw breath, speaking like the queen and refer back to "lavatory" - maybe not here! (9)
- 21 Fight off with pointless sword held in both hands (5)
- 22 Most full of singular 22 down, catch up with stories on the square (9)
- 23 Tender text you're starting to see, coming in where 7 starts (5)
- 24 Point out war or finish with ship's convenience (9)
- 25 Italian team 15 player laid to rest (8)

- 26 Biggest island's first element on quiet turn (6)

Down

- 1 Condemn top dog eating dogs (7)
- 2 Declarations of a voice-over sap energy from heir (7)
- 3 Fi's plastic pump? (10,5)
- 4 Toy man's interest: bachelor leaving for service (6)
- 5 See 17
- 6 In a bird flying up see reported disaster (7)
- 7 Southern raconteur has obsessive fan (7)
- 11 Promise of danger invisible

at middle of den holding number of bears? (5)

- 16 Former principal of prison to state alternative (5)
- 17/5 "Relax," they said, straight-talking with goody two-shoes, Ollie sent spinning out of society (7,4,2,9)
- 18 Failing at the start to manage times coming in to work (7)
- 19 Nice of Clive (not 80% of 14) to ameliorate the ultimate end (7)
- 20 The end of one in 15 sounds like a pig! (7)
- 22 Good God, crease evens out

11 of them found
in 15 (6)