



Across

- 8** Drunk swallows first couple of mojitos. Hello! 'e's after another drink! (8)
- 9** Start to examine damaged tile for crack (5)
- 10/2** Two cows but only half the ewes, reportedly, provide staple diet (8)
- 11** Upset tory banker after Iain Duncan Smith reshuffle (10)
- 12** Foxes, when play's finished for the day (6)
- 14** Dwarf stripped off in Bilbo's territory to find something to set in the ring (8)

15 Seven, oddly, to finally get this Bolshevik revolutionary (7)

17 Head of CID sounds more hopeful for bent staff (7)

20 Risqué introduction by Mussorgsky? (8)

22 See 25

23 Bad similes may be used in evidence (10)

24/24D Ignores audible symbols (4-4)

25/22 Spooner's shortage of pastries is completely made up (1,4,2,4)

26 Rear end of horse letting off gas displays equestrian discipline (8)

Down

1 Rogue setter's after gold (8)

2 See 10 Across

3 Foreign character of the French island (6)

4 Carry on being cheeky about short relative (7)

5 Out of sorts but doing well on sandwich course (5,3)

6 Type of nut-bearing branch lopped for medicinal purposes (5-5)

7 Retro design featuring Lagerfeld's central bête-noire (6)

13 Orderly is strangely hot during examination (10)

16 Preserves headless fish as a memento (8)

18 Get-together held by hospital department is coming up (8)

19 Desk in Sunday School where string's kept (7)

21 Fruit making a comeback in horticultural demonstration (6)

22 Exam taken in school Evelyn Waugh attended? (1,5)

24 See 24 Across