



Across

- 6 Does this man use a chopper to deliver the bullets? (7)
- 7 State army in reserve (5)
- 9 Curb lubricant, holding back incipient growth (4)
- 10 Hot classic reviewed in an erudite manner (10)
- 11 She had her entertainment clutching a supporter (8)
- 13 Missed group at the beginning (6)
- 15 This outstanding star made a river flow backwards (4)

17 Put off date with relative (5)

18 A tendency to be crooked (4)

19 George perhaps, has some paper to direct (6)

20 Scruffy pair lose argument to separate into two camps (8)

23 Prison cooking in Thailand? (4,6)

26 Hello sailor? (4)

27 Hostel for young migrants (5)

28 Hello? Call your friend bottled up in the vicinity (7)

Down

1 Firm friend-in the equine world? (10)

2 Pursued by the sound of it but remained unsullied (6)

3 Practice art form from scratch? (4)

4 Cut oil blend to hair lotion initially to relax (5,3)

5 Very unusual! as satyr protects young female (4)

6 Canine badger (5)

8 Performing Verdi in outdoor entertainment (5-2)

12 Temperature hike brings about a strike (5)

14 A celebrant went to

pieces in this holy place (10)

16 Stumped? Hang on to survive (7)

17 Mad cheer discerned for political initiative (8)

21 Reputation of late? (6)

22 Listen to get a level account (5)

24 Direction lacks energy and brings about a crushing defeat (4)

25 Kid lets both ends go - lazy! (4)