



Across

- 1 Sadness - see forbidding all around. (6)
- 5 Marine creature sounds Polish or sticky to some. (8)
- 9 "Sundial, Grandad?" (3-5)
- 10 Capacity to have lots of dosh? (6)
- 11 Use a clacker to try it out. (4,2,1,5)
- 13 House sailors, at a cape? (4)
- 14 Sharp shapes over firm ones. (8)
- 17 Animal noise the French can make a basic language. (3,5)

- 18 Negativity returns a second time when 'A' becomes 'P'? (4)
- 20 Being argumentative, call me back, for example, and tender lost dog. (12)
- 23 The missing 'A' is surely holding back Vlad's country? (6)
- 24 African in anger I suspect. (8)
- 25 Good girl I heard, not a good looker though. (5,3)
- 26 Agreement at present unknown. (6)

Down

- 2 Engine has no go at first, have a look! (4)
- 3 A month previously (November), a line of certain dimensions. (9)
- 4 Take away shift, again. (6)
- 5 Where one enlists, the back door? (7,8)
- 6 A quiet gap left in cheers. (8)
- 7 What a lot will go for? Go get it! (5)
- 8 'S'? A radical's instruction to find this. (6,4)

- 12 Mars or Venus figures being adoring of their own. (10)
- 15 Plain, having no designs? (5-4)
- 16 Gnats eat rot and turn foul. (8)
- 19 King, dark one on board. (6)
- 21 Is sly about the breaking down of cells. (5)
- 22 Books are still tough - origins are bark fibre or similar. (4)