

**Across**

- 1** Perfect speech with a New York twang? (6,7)
- 10** Caper involving Jack, Charlie, a ring and something about a pole? (9,6)
- 11** Corrupt match official, switching first and fourth place (6)
- 12** Ill-fated one lost in pitch? (4-4)
- 14** Miracle one reconstructed for ritual (10)
- 15** Extremes of silly, non-specific match time (4)
- 17** Bound over to keep open (4)

19 Relish illicit

- caliph's failure, without, foolishly, this? (10)
- 22** Prophet embracing long distance sailor (8)
- 23** Problem with military leader regarding command (6)
- 25** Downfall of loveless anoraks with bitches (4,4,3,4)
- 26** Tempestuous reps let loose birds (6,7)

Down

- 2** The standard of one's grammar (2,2,3)
- 3** Do these pick up wheat barrels? (8)
- 4** Location - it's in the home counties (4)
- 5** Midlands venue on city's outskirts holding an Italian seance? (10)
- 6** Partly exploit errors, that's what waiters do! (6)
- 7** People that could be high (7)
- 8** Floaters - from berth to berth? (5,8)

9 Production of ice nets profit for pedant (13)

- 13** Straight home? On the contrary (10)
- 16** Stream below, devoid of winter fish (8)
- 18** Most dismal, or so I'm told, writer (7)
- 20** Light refreshment? (4,3)
- 21** Dish a curse out (6)
- 24** Farewell, Glen (4)