



Across

- 1 Competent bit of art, representing human form (11)
- 9 Adorn sculpture of stone (7)
- 10 Speed cycling in ace pullover (4,3)
- 11 Army's a pet career for one who may be styled General (9)
- 12 Mark II (5)
- 13 Advertise beer without head (4)
- 14 Orally testing origins of uniform ancient lettering, like the Rosetta Stone (10)
- 16 Girl and boy to pick up Mike in banger (6,4)
- 19 Space age turned on first of Apollos (4)

- 22 Discharge of gas accumulated in Trump's insides (5)
- 23 Hidden spaces formerly used in digital recording (9)
- 24 Dropped, and went down gradually (7)
- 25 Character, wearing Spanish article, beside another (7)
- 26 Underground event that might give you heart (5,6)

Down

- 1 Hi! Hurry - we see woe... (that's tortuous - if only the solver was in my place!) (4,3,4,4)
- 2 Irishman gets the nod in inn (6)

- 3 Lizard's egg laid amid heath (7)
- 4 Uncultivated province surrounding city, both old (7)
- 5 Great headless idiot in Force needing firing (8)
- 6 More spicy food heard to replace part-Indian starter in item outside main courses (15)
- 7 Dad's immersed in bad thriller, initially memorised fully! (3,3)
- 8 Reflective eyepiece captures short fastening of gemstone (6)

- 15 Bouncing initially against vessel's edge, some balls spill down its sides (4,4)
- 16 Anxieties leading to second stroke (6)
- 17 Trim sides of rhomb - read the distance across (7)
- 18 Don't catch correctly when talking - don't catch at this point (7)
- 20 Burning to read steamy books (6)
- 21 One isn't really late to be playing this (6)