



Across

- 1/12 The last place you'd be expecting royal patient: it's HM being treated (9,8)
- 6 "Trump for Pope!" (4)
- 9 Jet set (6)
- 10 Does round edges and flushes (8)
- 12 See 1
- 13 Engage and pay attention when recycling (6)
- 14 Taking blade into consideration, lad's relation to be locked up (6)
- 15 18's clue fools around so? (5-2)

- 16 Old bastards using puff and bluster (2-5)
- 18 Bill Cash: good for getting stuff done (6)
- 21 Audibly express dejection, on account of what has to be solved (6)
- 22 White man braves combat (8)
- 23 Setter's cribbing six (or a shade over) (3, 5)
- 24 Get present for fan (6)
- 25 70s tennis player scratching backside all the time (4)
- 26 These used to

catch wind, principally of Spooner's stable boys (9)

Down

- 2 Hag I initially imagined future Tory? Haggard's She-who-must-be-obeyed perhaps (9,6)
- 3 Old flames politician kept on top of tallboy as spares (7)
- 4 Supply me words to mean intestinal parasites (8,5)
- 5 Make someone laugh, putting article over one's equipment (6)

- 7 Unchecked letter? (7)
- 8 Black Ops training college? (9,6)
- 11 A twit inclined (being vulnerable) to double (9,4)
- 17 On board *Minerva* he limped back into port (2,5)
- 19 Spanish girl born with a silver spoon in her mouth is literally speechless (7)
- 20 A person completing this crossword without tremendous speed reveals a confused state-of-mind (6)