



Across

- 8 Force through edict before 12, with a number defecting (8)
- 9 Padre disrupted hanging... (5)
- 10 ... monster therefore returned... (4)
- 11 ... in cruel play I redrafted especially (10)
- 12 Not just somewhere to give back prizes? (6)
- 14 Store announced stock merger with lucrative concerns (4,4)
- 15 In Asia, those running with packs regularly pay heed to limitations of GPS (3,4)
- 17 Naval officer's splendid parts to be removed (7)

- 20 Two Persians, perhaps, the first looking back in very detached sort of play (8)
- 22 A head of a Greek god (6)
- 23 Plant has religious community taking in work (10)
- 24 Divisive construction taken by constitutional lawyer rejected (4)
- 25 Describing argument, on reflection take notice of former PM (5)
- 26 The how and why of reversing in the highroad? (8)

Down

- 1 Diamonds inlaid into fancy gun, ruby red (8)
- 2 Down By Law - uncut edition premiers (4)
- 3 Company with royal insigne accepts tuppence for old boiler (6)
- 4 With a quick kiss on the cheeks, one takes care of flashy bird (7)
- 5 Rear end missing from sculpture of soldier I'd put on a pedestal (8)
- 6 Liqueur has chairman so drunk... (10)
- 7 ... the old fellow, anaemic and looking jaundiced (6)
- 13 Dereliction of sailor's accepted, in a manner of speaking ... (10)
- 16 ... fish in gallons chucked over the bulwark, so they say? (8)
- 18 Respite from danger of summons about to end with real upheaval (3-5)
- 19 A month (round about) to see Queen? (7)
- 21 Beats brothers without hesitation when stirred up (6)
- 22 Refuge from abuse saves youth initially found atop chimney in Scotland (6)
- 24 Troglodytes twice specifically acclaimed architect (4)