

Across

- 1 Away and likely to be preoccupied... (6-6)
- 8 ... fighting former policemen and monarch (7)
- 9 Appropriate island for meeting old friends? (7)
- 11 Stubborn publicist with tons to write about area (7)
- 12 Protects son heading west for cover (7)
- 13 One not involved in silent diplomacy (4)
- 14 Money obtains suit and musical instrument (3,7)
- 17 Player teed off again and again (10)
- 19 Fancy someone assisting a move to the Far East (4)
- 22 Oddly insular places to go (7)
- 24 Reveal degree to be superior (7)
- 25 Quick way to make contact in thread (7)
- 26 Make it fairer - take a pound off (7)
- 27 Heaven and Earth guaranteed to take precedence (8,4)

Down

- 1 Old mischievous American spies from the south (7)
- 2 Tears up nearly everything that's circular (6)
- 3 Hitting me's outrageous when it's dark (5-4)
- 4 Customs requires extra shilling (5)

- 5 True icon strangely paranoid (8)
- 6 It's about time he chased record title (7)
- 7 Sudden advance before using crack (12)
- 10 Kissing Rex, with Lynn perhaps interrupting - that's stressful (5-7)
- 15 Efficient when drunk? (4-5)
- 16 Jumper like my top, for example (8)
- 18 Artist offering nothing for a dog (7)
- 20 Damned daughter sang (7)
- 21 Spot mysterious driver and scholar... (6)
- 23 ... appears it's me escaping back to house (5)

