

**ACROSS**

- 1 Immediately cancel, but only on the phone (5,3)  
 5 Odds on deserters being fishy characters (6)  
 9 Joined in without being searched (8)  
 10 Nursery rhyme figure takes a look at hygiene problem (2-4)  
 11 Friend shapes ideas in defence (8)  
 12 Hard up for change in a secluded state (6)  
 14 Pass by city and town (10)  
 18 Opportunities for checking lines after casting? (10)  
 22 A fool to assume the solution (6)  
 23 A hit on the island in case of necessity (2,1,5)  
 24 Struggle with Doctor in jacket (6)  
 25 Much less neglect (3,5)  
 26 Athletic has-been, we're told (6)  
 27 Gave Bill the okay (8)

**DOWN**

- 1 Pierce through cooking instructions (6)  
 2 It's not certain the medic will come in the storm (6)  
 3 Justification for drinking (6)  
 4 Use model if work is required on the creature (10)  
 6 Obtains for treatments (8)  
 7 Story provided once date has been modified (8)  
 8 His paper turned to stone (8)  
 13 She might cut a fine figure (10)  
 15 Director's in favour of the dictator, right! (8)  
 16 Delivery confounds chain male? (8)  
 17 Brave opponent, but he doesn't look or! (8)  
 19 Mince pie to include a drug (6)  
 20 Business expense on company's time (6)  
 21 Delhi's defensive arrangement (6)

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