

ACROSS

- 8 Snake track in Phil Mitchell's mug (4-4)
 9 Stagger, mostly with leg in river (6)
 10 Reckon Bob is significant (6)
 11 Pensioner's sundial, perhaps (3-5)
 12 Famous soldiers possessed by demon in the end (8)
 13 In plastic boat, set off for capital (6)
 14 Playing kind of eccentric fiddle (10,5)
 18 Cut one's bananas in Costa Rica (6)
 20 Command to drop one's weapons (8)
 23 Work leaving old miners in plant (8)
 24 Mum has a story about Aussie woman (6)
 25 Spot books in French city (6)
 26 Country without, say, veto (8)

DOWN

- 1 Second flower that's blue (6)
 2 Back in impasse (8)
 3 Minister beginning to punish crime in England (6)
 4 Possibly resign as deputy? (6-2-7)
 5 One stops bald men breaking bone (8)
 6 Heartlessly preserving corporal punishment (6)
 7 Household's head meeting staff briefly (8)
 15 Technician in training opening speaker (8)
 16 Contract housing called "irrational" (8)
 17 Chemicals are mixed by guys (8)
 19 Small cars for Arabs (6)
 21 Germany and Spain draft blueprint (6)
 22 Inexperienced bully grabbing everyone (6)

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