

**ACROSS**

- 8 Important stuff (8)  
 9 Nearby, more or less (6)  
 10 European keeping extremely odd pet (6)  
 11 One couple splitting and moving (8)  
 12 Worry about students engulfing one's city (8)  
 13 Who collects US taxes belonging to others? (6)  
 14 The tree, in fact, I lied about (8,7)  
 18 Argument caused by sheep next to vehicle (4-2)  
 20 Ruler admits inflation beginning to soar quickly (8)  
 23 Battle later lost in court (8)  
 24 Shakespeare quotation not allowed (6)  
 25 Join guys short time after church (6)  
 26 English Conservative still on cloud nine (8)

**DOWN**

- 1 Old man clutching a deity in temple (6)  
 2 Capital I held for cruciverbalist (3,5)  
 3 Muscle primarily built ingesting mushrooms (6)  
 4 Senior figure bats alongside opener (3-3,9)  
 5 Chat about one's flight safety apparatus (8)  
 6 Give cheat three notes (6)  
 7 Constituent playing triangle (8)  
 15 Birds consuming dead apes (8)  
 16 Cheeky note about cops having time for clubs (8)  
 17 Threaten to surround Austria in August (8)  
 19 Bound to accept soldiers having rows (6)  
 21 Jack meets Elizabeth, a religious woman (6)  
 22 Intervene as detective's loading gun (4,2)

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