

ACROSS

- 8 Caught malaria after cooking seafood (8)
 9 A party socialist loved (6)
 10 Get to grips with equipment (6)
 11 Frenchman sees rat swimming in sewer (8)
 12 After-school group's toy (5,3)
 13 Injure one married couple (6)
 14 Staunch supporter forgets when Trot goes astray (5,2,8)
 18 Passionate note seized by teacher (6)
 20 European artisan working without uniform (8)
 23 Surgery, in fact, ruined life (4-4)
 24 Refer to me the wrong way? That makes me sick! (6)
 25 Admire soldiers, always invading (6)
 26 Command to drop one's weapons (8)

DOWN

- 1 Strange-sounding market (6)
 2 Support team that's behind (8)
 3 Pet regularly gets inside vehicles (6)
 4 Resentment as anti-fascist do is out of control (15)
 5 Supercilious equestrian (8)
 6 Idle chat about space vehicle among Republicans (6)
 7 Nothing odd in advert describing artefact as abandoned (8)
 15 Time to stop poets developing works (8)
 16 Sundial, say, for pensioner (3-5)
 17 Avengers deployed terrible weapon (5,3)
 19 These may be followed by degrees, ultimately (6)
 21 Even fresh dates getting mouldy in the end (6)
 22 Each gun supports Mafia, ultimately (6)

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