

ACROSS

- 8 Musician and heathen meeting in India (8)
9 Device used for colouring fabric behind castle (6)
10 Tantrums about games (6)
11 Lifts bananas elves consumed inside (8)
12 Most lively chefs finally cutting meat (8)
13 Jack posted present? Quite the reverse (6)
14 Continual career changing - it can be very destructive (7,8)
18 Stress caused by misadventure leaving one down (6)
20 Scottish teachers accepting politician has 18ac (8)
23 Boast about First Lady getting energy drink (8)
24 Learning about a hotel in Asian city (6)
25 Hostility seen in country church (6)
26 A pole in cinema injured forgetful person (8)

DOWN

- 1 Soundly thrash club - they're missing some regulars (6)
2 Woman about to get through roundabout (8)
3 Time to release body part (6)
4 BBC boss ordering bananas with treacle (8-7)
5 Cheats wrongly describing old lady's blueprints (8)
6 Soldiers pocketing boy's dishes (6)
7 Criticised dog carrying strap (4,4)
15 Topless muscle man - new symbol of America (5,3)

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- 16 Animal climbing mountain, subsequently heading off (8)
17 Leaves box from train set out (3,5)
19 Cover for individual mince pie (6)
21 Atlantic Ocean surrounding area south of sovereign state (6)
22 Trendy way to make progress (6)