

## ACROSS

- 1 Back of the neck (4)
- 3 London arts complex (8)
- 9 Deliberately annoys (7)
- 10 Order issued by a lawgiver (5)
- 11 Defence of being elsewhere (5)
- 12 Cut into zigzags (6)
- 14 Items (6)
- 15 Tom \_\_\_\_, Mark Twain hero (6)
- 18 Disorderly gathering (6)
- 20 Variety of wheat (5)
- 22 Shrubby culinary herb (5)
- 23 Bygone (7)
- 25 Surrounding of a place by soldiers or ships (8)
- 26 Pack, put away (4)

## DOWN

- 1 French refusal? (3)
- 2 In advance of (11,2)
- 4 Climb down a cliff face (6)
- 5 Genetic strain (5)
- 6 Projecting wall surrounding a hearth (7,6)
- 7 Short message (4)
- 8 Brief (visit) (6)
- 11 Showily creative (4)
- 13 Study intensively (4)
- 16 Kidnap (6)
- 17 Necessitate (6)
- 19 Cheerless (5)
- 21 Butt-end (4)
- 24 Browbeat (3)

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