

ACROSS

- 1 Do better than expected (11)
- 8 Plant's coiling climbing organ (7)
- 9 Young females (5)
- 11 Team of two (3)
- 12 Ill-balanced (7)
- 13 Argentinian ballroom dance (5)
- 14 Decorative tuft on a curtain (6)
- 16 Jazz up (6)
- 19 Start again (5)
- 21 High-spirited (7)
- 23 Woodcutting tool (3)
- 24 Mendacious (5)
- 25 Beasts (7)
- 26 Dogged continuation (11)

DOWN

- 2 Event site (5)
- 3 Change direction (7)
- 4 In an unfriendly fashion (6)
- 5 Small bar of bullion (5)
- 6 Covered porch (7)
- 7 Pertaining to construction (10)
- 10 Footwear cleaner (4,6)
- 15 Break of day (7)
- 17 Thoroughly check (7)
- 18 Communicates vocally (6)
- 20 Remuneration (5)
- 22 Old French coin (5)

