CROSSWORD
No. 15,550 Set by ARMONIE

ACROSS
1 The smell of Sunday’s fish (6)
4 Block major road going through 12 (6)
8 Describe what may happen when the voting is close (7)
9 Burlesque makes Bohemian girl howl (7)
11 Dunce’s unfortunate to say it again (10)
12 We hear beastly home is an eyesore (4)
13 Voracity is permitted, first off (5)
14 Gracious girl coming out and being broadcast (8)
16 Consulted an umpire having made a mistake (8)
18 Risked being cut to bits (5)
20 Fight for breath while doctor comes round (4)
21 Opponent created stagnation (10)
23 It’s safe to break up for holidays (7)
24 Demand soldiers get some paper (7)
25 Travelled to get free study (6)
26 Like skin that’s turned numb (6)

DOWN
1 Case husband found in market (5)
2 Earl has reason to be touchy (7)
3 Rival is against the proposal (9)
5 Note about epitaph is nonsense (5)
6 China seems in fashion (7)
7 Barry lied about being the first up (5,4)
10 Frank’s fed up being an examinee (9)
13 Dearer gin upset guard (9)
15 How undergraduates advance a bit at a time (2,7)
17 Former partner modelled naked (7)
19 Clubs guarantee condemnation (7)
21 Informed of fighting in A&E (5)
22 Break up a fight (5)

Solution to Saturday’s prize puzzle on Saturday May 27
Solution to yesterday’s prize puzzle on Monday May 29
Winners’ names will be printed in Weekend FT