ACROSS
1 Elderly, overweight, the harem's flogged to London banker (3,6,6)
9 One pursuing index-linked investment strategy (7)
10 Defining verbal arguments in archival encyclopaedia (7)
11 Heather withdrew books from adult section (5)
12 Work in garden walled by Marsh Arab's paradise (9)
13 Fleet casts adrift a sick old animal (9)
14 Daily Mail's leader is sort of offensive! (5)
15 Backing chess federation, having a yen to improve the mind (5)
16 “Not speaking clearly in German, mother. In German!” (9)
17 Get the cricket ball, then fall over; it means a day off school (5,4)
18 Mike embraces American artform (5)
23 Eastern apes go outside – they hang from trees (7)
25 One from Mexico getting stoned before dinner (7)
26 Under-appreciated, FT ranked "great" (no change) (5,3,7)

DOWN
1 Classic film theatre now getting revamped facade (2,3,10)
2 Mud-slinging about boxer's philosophy of good and evil (7)