CROSSWORD
No. 15,545 Set by MONK

ACROSS
9 Instrument playing in middle of county shows (5)
10 Primarily seaborne? (2,3,4)
11 Illicitly picked up unopened equipment under rug (9)
12 Abandon shelter, clutching books (5)
13 People requiring answer in clue? (5)
14 Brexit maybe upset solemn one about self-inflicted setback (9)
15 Suitability of testimony with revised introduction (7)
17 Mostly sensitive friend, when all is said and done (7)
19 Dump deputy (6,3)
22 Refuse to kill old gangster (5)
24 What runs repeatedly in story, oddly so (5)
25 Scapegoat stealthily follows topless friend (4,5)
26 Combination of unmentionables, please, following marriage (5,4)
27 University invested in several directions to get result (5)

DOWN
1 Swear in fool with bible, under arrest at last (6)
2 Infallible, unmoving about brief row (8)
3 Taps in when going round links (6)
4 Fixing small ropes 10? (8)
5 Workplace boss receiving and transmitting data? (6)
6 Stock Orwell novel bound by twine at regular intervals (4-4)
7 Rules stopping crooked triad in Weimar Republic (6)
8 Disreputable yes-men, extremely unethical when working (8)
15 Over-subtle amusement involving trendy mind-reading? (8)
16 All musical brothers getting left off single (8)
17 Minor reference often wrong besides being raised internally (8)
18 Passive sentence, to a smaller extent (8)
20 Gentleman having memory about Victorian craftsman (6)
21 Join Brighton and Hove Albion following promotion? (4,2)
22 Schoolboy's terrapins eating food 10? (6)
23 Finally, sabbatical year in paradise in foreign city (6)

Solution 15,544