ACROSS
1  One leaving order for artillery (8)
5  A female in posh car getting more reckless (6)
10 Japanese dog biting contralto in opera (5)
11 Nickname for resolute men in club teams (9)
12 Use to perform surgery (7)
13 A President Ford car (7)
14 Deceptively prim, I ran centre with accomplice (7,2,5)
17 So craftier plot hatched in jungle (8,6)
21 Two lines of verse produced by associate, last in sonnet (7)
23 Snake, excellent specimen (7)
24 Sailing boat can crossing a West Country river (9)
25 Incompetent writer rejected in it (5)
26 Cause of timeless crime? (6)
27 Put off drinking tin, for bottle (8)

DOWN
1  Work? Not I, spoilt for choice! (6)
2  Outlaw peer, odd as can be (9)
3  A very angry upset worker in firm (7)
4  One may cast a shadow in Beijing plant (7,7)
6  As found in vaccines radiographer brought over (7)
7  Doctor in Hoy rebuilt a health spa (5)
8  Took exception to being put on after opener’s taken off (8)
9  End argument for as opposed to against? (4,10)
15  Rude when drinking drop of vodka on the rocks (9)
16  One of the crocks at races? (5,3)
18  At home, dance up in the air (2,5)
19  In tears having spilt wine (7)
20  Large hole in old car beginning to rust (6)
22  Very vital to resourceful tramps (5)