CROSSWORD
No. 15,756 Set by FALCON

ACROSS
1 Composed, lawyer heading for tribunal in diocese (6)
4 A worried couple endlessly ringing about a place in Mexico (8)
9 Showing intelligence by keeping control in the auditorium (6)
10 Take part in an activity on water, and risk a wet undoing (5-3)
12 Hush-hush operations in Crete upset head of tourism (3-6)
13 Oscar managed to acquire good instrument (5)
14 An American, Ness, incorrectly depicted in comedy film (11,3)
17 Sketch on packaging (14)
21 Type of necktie a Caledonian may produce (5)
22 G-man chose fancy dress (9)
24 Grave next to tree will get immediate attention (5,3)
25 Deny any connection with row surrounding broadcast (6)
26 Skilled workers, Arthur and Ian, carrying small spades (8)
27 Suspension of business in bay (6)

DOWN
1 Sorry tale of old boy on board, Conservative (3,5)
2 Departed on vessel, expressionless (7)
3 Under emotional strain in past, perhaps (5)
4 Resort town – clubs, note, in lively coastal one (7-2-3)
6 Remarkable things – the old man describes number collected by macho males (9)
7 Pasta dish from Los Angeles – long story involving name (7)
8 In error, I entered the countries of the east (6)
11 Annoyed over department providing a representative sample (5-7)
15 Bothers Irish artiste, unruly (9)
16 Woodland plants: names one wrongly (8)
18 Passage from start of Rebecca encased in bar (7)
19 Yet to be elected, vexed about ballot, ultimately (2,5)
20 Fibre shown by female in service on island close to Tampa (6)
23 Wet behind the ears, local taking time out (5)