CROSSWORD
No. 15,778 Set by NEO

ACROSS
1 Inflexible two days in with men squabbling over weapon (6-6)
8 Clocked high speed in reverse with surface frozen? (7)
9 Uncultured bachelor interrupts short argument (7)
11 While travelling north, hiding among Europeans (2,5)
12 Group in most natural surroundings (7)
13 Vote to exclude leader’s share (5)
14 One joins Selecter playing for another 16 (9)
16 Adventurous writer – he’s entitled to stay in with good wife (9)
18 Ancient implement’s one tossed on fire, getting hot (7)
19 Extremely sadistic niece perhaps requiring discipline (7)
20 Make connection with European Court in local language (7)
24 12 of mystery finally revealed in full (7)
25 Around knight find evasive person so polite? (7)
26 End the term on being displaced? (12)

DOWN
1 Logical person sure to succeed (7)
2 Election event in detail (7)
3 Peculiar chap is secret fraternal member (9)
4 Driver abroad leaves vehicle for brawl (5)
5 Two presents unlikely to be found? (7)
6 Firm answer man accepts (7)
7 Wife left bed an aroused Athena, inspired by husband’s technique (4,8)
10 Dog and Duck? That’s where real animals drink! (8,4)
15 Roman historian discounting first class colleges (3,6)
17 Folk instrument’s fixed in damper (7)
21 Flush with success? The opposite! (4,3)
23 Final word’s mine in each pub (7)
22 Work force in London seen over time (5)

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N I E N L A
T OR TI L LA G L AN CE
I T S BE NA
E N M ESH A LLEG ORY
T R H S MO O
B E AR SCR UT INY
M U R O R I
R O U GH P ASSAGE
N E E L A E
C ARE W ORN D OD DLE
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