CROSSWORD
No 16,883 Set by JASON

ACROSS
1 Nonetheless, lock is a prop (8)
5 Hour regularly spent getting key cover for motorists (6)
9 Take too much old derv that is processed crude (8)
10 To wit, source of oil's an embarrassing predicament (6)
11 Eccentric elder cad gets certified (8)
12 Do well left tailing intel gatherers? (6)
14 In the Odyssey this ogre's home and supply gets ravaged (10)
18 Sweeper going round drive, good chap bound to join union (10)
22 Knock back one pouting in movie lacking content (6)
23 Sure fine with diet having been fixed (8)
24 Time associated with literal dread (6)
25 It gets used in delicate viewer's aid? (8)
26 City's former partner backing network (6)
27 Humanitarian group happily records start of success (3,5)

DOWN
1 Fair noble's moved with introduction of debate (6)
2 Ditch fish maintaining resistance (6)
3 Right, a face like Michelin's blown-up product? (6)
4 Ray, we hear, drilled sidewalk surfer (10)
6 Blue Berets set over His Excellency's shed (8)
7 It's Mum who does the cleaning? An impressive gift (8)
8 Beyond compare – as is the lower house (8)
13 One side of fabulous penthouse east of Hackney (10)
15 Matelots in the drink (8)
16 Fork out for fabulous bus rides (8)
17 One sitting in Strasbourg is lifted by stony Welsh town (8)
19 Semaphore code, initially it lifted most of diplomacy (6)
20 Writer taking in street's small bar (6)
21 Wilted cress sandwiches, English will be withdrawing (6)

JOTTER PAD