CROSSWORD
No 17,212 Set by MUDD

ACROSS
1 Shakespearean character, is one in trousers? (6)
4 Extraordinary phrase, being of the highest order (6)
8 Speed around local boat (7)
9 A setter after cheese for Japanese snack (7)
11 Good number by singer, on the whole (10)
12 Trump coarse, by the sound of it? (4)
13 Stay with jet at the rear – here? (5)
14 Physically turning spinner, circle maintained (2,6)
16 Pass on second illicit payment (8)
18 Course taken by world leader in research overwhelmed by final tribute? (5)
20 Get out, using pipe down middle of roof (4)
21 Something sweet: minimum of Pernod served after alcoholic drink angers drunk (6,4)
23 Stone editor moved on to page (7)
24 Article in short old and rusty, originally, for museum worker (7)
25 Alien eating African food (6)
26 Band that connects number with lecturer (6)

DOWN
1 Excellent swimmer (5)
2 Reference under suspicion, took steps in Buenos Aires? (7)
3 Players play with her actors (9)
5 They say I used to own a duck! (5)
6 Lover married rogue (7)
7 For month bombs consuming England's capital, civilians united in war (4,5)
10 On the wane, hour in dropping (9)
13 Privilege claimed by elite, most incandescent (9)
15 Try ordinary language, dear (9)
17 Shrewd leader wrapping the present (7)
19 Bird in shoot pumped full of lead (7)
21 Beef fattened up, by the sound of it? (5)
22 Dress a little salad, or not? (5)