

**Across**

- 1/5 Director is both engaging and sharp (8,6)
 10 Pleased to discover rental agreement (5)
 11 Hesitate to redesign section of buildings (9)
 12 Get rid of main confusion amongst aristocracy (9)
 13 Relative breaks ice in Tyneside? (5)
 14 Confusion as the Spanish fly makes a comeback (6)
 15 Digital protection or Spooner's description of a Manx cat? (7)
 18 Reportedly continued ironing in northern city (7)
 20 No spinners about? Correct (4,2)
 22 Guts to put 50% of capital behind small company (5)
 24 Announce full-flavoured whisky with a performance! (9)
 25 Opportunist constantly following Scottish author on the radio (9)
 26 Truth is cut short by crown dependency (5)
 27 Live on leftovers having abandoned university (6)
 28 Regulated Tory minister ruining nearly every department for starters (8)

Down

- 1 Swimmer's ridiculous haircut (6)
 2 French film director upended in serious fall (9)
 3 Decreasing quality of capital tabloid (7,8)
 4 Well-educated student is expelled? Say again (7)
 6 Enter detail once to change agreement (7,8)
 7 Give doctor a buzz (5)
 8 Wind tears wildly through Cambridgeshire city (8)
 9 Going down south missing Nice (6)
 16 Love a party piece (9)
 17 Key drinks served here with low specific gravity? (5,3)
 19 Former railway workers accepting award is more insensitive (6)
 20 New Orleans - an Italian city? (7)
 21 Composed features in local media (6)
 23 Discussed indulgent needs (5)