



Across

- 1 Vital duration for achievement awards (8)
- 5 Muscles garner money in 24, for example (4)
- 9 Stir it, lad, like the ebb and flow of the sea! (7)
- 10 Yellow cross here after hill dweller (7)
- 11 Middle Eastern national is dangerous element, Mr Wallach (7)
- 12 A kingdom was lost for want of ... backward climbing plant! (1,4)
- 13 I left the US president and Dutch queen forty years ago, getting involved in a new EU member state capital city. (9)
- 18 Pygal about the birth of a Zulu land (5)
- 20 One of 13 inhabitants, perhaps (7)
- 22 Nobel laureate poet Paz I found in small book (7)
- 23 Polish coin set between the last two letters (5)
- 24 Monster town in 1D (4)
- 25 Bones found on the beach in northern Namibia? (8)

Down

- 1 State playing a vital part henceforth in the EU (6)

- 2 Describing unpopular kind of union — of French, in wild! (7)
- 3 Spanish mark like an old penny embedded in a baked clay slab (5)
- 4 Zero character produces sounds like greatest town in Poland! (3,10)
- 6 Goddess of wisdom, lacking energy, rests in town in SE Cyprus (5)
- 7 Marsala, but not tikka, and Augusta, but not Georgia, are here (6)
- 8 After year in France, raven leads artists to city of would-be joiner (6)
- 14 Ultra-high-level barefoot contessa found in one of four rivers that merge in Plzen, Czech Republic (6)
- 15 *Tanacetum balsamita!* Stir lactose into herb that adds flavour to beer (7)
- 16 Entirely eaten by Dorothy's little dog (2,4)
- 17 Oginga Odinga, for example, answering Mr Branagh back in the negative (6)
- 18 Is this "Goodbye" to a member of the Golden Horde? (5)
- 21 Under Open University leadership, cymbal reveals dipper or thrush (5)