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This is not a pangrammatic grid. What you have to identify is the word which can be made from the unused letters.

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Across

- 1 Old doctors snack around scene of devastation (8)
- 5 Homes one foreshadows (6)
- 9 Country booting out conservative, initially for Italy's Captain Fantastic (8)
- 10 Two-wheeler dropping round duck (6)
- 12 King Edward commonly accepted a massage (5)
- 13 Instruments put steaks in the right order? Just the opposite! (9)
- 14 Mostly succeed in impressing malefactor finally banged up (2,4)
- 16 Queen to lie down missing welcome guests (7)
- 18 Leaders in dire emergency, needing relaxation, order

- dinner and return smartened-up (7)
- 20 Clerics' refusal to wear headphones (6)
- 22 South Africa and Australia separately block chemical in tea from Dar es Salaam, maybe (9)
- 23 Spanish agreement to redevelop centre is something that will leak (5)
- 24 Keep control over, for example, Polaris's core (6)
- 25 Impractical to leave without bringing back farm animal with nice body (8)
- 26 Europeans returning choose Dewsbury houses (6)
- 27 People promise to get trousers? (8)

Down

- 1 Crazy about half of furniture store's decorative fabrics (6)
- 2 Train at one time troubling English queen (5,10)
- 3 Went downhill, perhaps, having failed to work once first of valves blew out (5)
- 4 Party game's stopping heartless flood of messages (7)
- 6 Something of a pig to take sides in dispute over who wrote Shakespeare's plays? (4,5)
- 7 One charged with recent disturbance after relief of tension almost gets prison (9,6)
- 8 Emphasised grass under stone covered bodyguard (8)

- 11 Unpleasant person demolished centre of south coast resort (4)
- 15 Provisional camp initially adjoining the Italian village evacuated (9)
- 17 Preserve square dance and music, say, as things which are sweet (3,5)
- 19 Platform where Idi Amin occasionally met head of state (4)
- 20 Study birds getting up to eat (7)
- 21 What might help a driver see contraption hiding front of vehicle on hand (6)
- 23 It gets harder to accept unknown services (5)