Guardian cryptic crossword No 28,913 set by Brendan

Across
8 Move like snake towards bottom, slow and stop (4,4)
9 Quickly put together ladder to place above (3,2)
10 They replaced little piles of sand in river (4)
11 Motivation seen in mother after winter (10)
12 How to get an anagram, of course (6)
13 With solid support, a kid's father makes music (10)
14 Connoisseurs who consume timeless movies online? (8)
15 Delivered letter indicating possession – sign in colour (7)
16 Stereotypical heavy drinkers creating trouble or breaking vessel (7)
17 Don't blow up things with charges – they could help one get away (8)
18 Vexatious order crossing line (8)
19 Pester with an Asian drink, Japanese port (8)
20 Missing female, shed a tear outside, showing passion (6)
21 It controls amount of moisture I mixed with mud, that is (10)
22 One of the two letters one should mind by bad and nasty person (4)
23 Literary lion using a non-standard lexicon, mostly (5)
24 Getting over the hill? It's about taking it easy (8)
25 Post-war leader emerging from battle energised (6)
26 One of the two letters one should mind by bad and nasty person (4)

Down
1 Guide old lady around hazard on road (8)
2 First part of African capital one's withdrawn, notes as well (4)
3 O’Mice and Men, initially composed as left-wing (6)
4 Stimulate new learner I put in uniform (7)
5 Leading part and another taken from actress – I'd a female title role (8)
6 Sorted out blunder without anxiety (10)
7 Soak or wash, in a way (6)
8 Use special scissors covering slit up in piece of decorative needlework (3-4)
9 Desert animal a couple raised in modern times (6)
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24 Boxers, for example, swap some neat jabs — just the finalists (4)

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