



Across

- 1 River Dart about to go around middle-sized restaurant (8)
- 5 'Silence in court' game (6)
- 10 Writer going west joined holidaymaker there (5)
- 11 Outlaws ransacked British Post Office (9)
- 12 Former president's wife, almost afraid to be rejected for copying him? (9)
- 13 Cut half of other people's words (5)
- 14 Maybe monitor, with 15 for Latin, will be an expert speller? (6)
- 15 Changed and hurried over with a bit of pudding (7)

- 18 Bloody communist food! (7)
- 20 First person over the Channel? Second person's valet (6)
- 22 Extraction of obscene material (5)
- 24 Fun of book reduced through language skills lacking reflective care (9)
- 25 Packs of rugby players in groups, holding fire (9)
- 26 Middle Eastern intelligence, even in Bahrain, follows their scriptural direction (5)
- 27 Host, happy to entertain in a casual manner (6)

- 28 Overhead scaffolding - home to north-eastern seabird colony (8)

Down

- 1 A bird to go wag (6)
- 2 Being extremely sleepy, if I doze off get doctor involved (9)
- 3 Two-timing liar, smart at switching between two old flames (12,3)
- 4 I'm given to being given (7)
- 6 Middle-aged pair of queens featuring in period song during the news (15)
- 7 American self-confidence on Radio China (5)

- 8 Partners of sailors welcome in port (8)
- 9 For stand-ups it's run-of-the-mill to be beset by heartless catcalls (6)
- 16 Preacher, get me out of deep water! (9)
- 17 Amphibious species go right up around coral ridge (4,4)
- 19 Seize control of account held by four followers of golf (6)
- 20 Germany's agreed to escort a vessel into Indonesian waters (4,3)
- 21 Demonstrate unexpected pity for your leaders (6)
- 23 Top Essex celebrities' homes (5)