



**Across**

- 1 Mysterious stranger had fondness primarily for older relatives (12)
- 9 Bounder swears stud removed intimate clothing (9)
- 10 Chess hero initiates nine attempted openings for mate (5)
- 11 Citizen dismissing presence of horse in fast food (6)
- 12 Leaks from witness leading to summons (8)
- 13 Anger surrounds team that's knocked back invigorating substance (6)
- 15 Record simple homilies, catering essentially for yours truly (8)
- 18 Regularly ignored

- speed, doing about eighty when beginning descent (8)
- 19 Intensely passionate Dickensian character ends in topsy-turvy state (6)
- 21 Like carpet when fitted, running round across centre of gallery (8)
- 23 Appearance of hair, maybe, when seen in dull light (6)
- 26 "Something rotten in the state of Denmark" shortly to be spoken (5)
- 27 Occupant of lodge, fellow at liberty to entertain well (9)
- 28 1960s hippies like Lee and Clyde perhaps? (6,6)

**Down**

- 1 The French supporting Great Britain about unusual complaint (7)
- 2 Tree snake left for dead when first encountered (5)
- 3 Sullyng of gin ranked out of order (9)
- 4 Old artist gets detailed retrospective (4)
- 5 Arab transporter, disregarding temperature, bothers frisky cow (8)
- 6 Sum up military policeman lacking depth (5)
- 7 Odd German visits urinals intoxicated (8)
- 8 Uproar as each revolutionary embraces autocrat (6)

- 14 Rambling type of speech (8)
- 16 Plan from expert carrying little weight? On the contrary (9)
- 17 Females always divided over partners obtaining medicinal plant (8)
- 18 Yards, they are imperial units (6)
- 20 She's the most senior prepared to hedge foreign currency (7)
- 22 Employ alertness, keeping steadfast (5)
- 24 Storyteller's attitude upset adult to start with (5)
- 25 Drop of drink close to dinner (4)