



Across

- 1 Pastoral caring for cattle (7)
- 5 Timorous forward is an avaricious grasping person (7)
- 9 Reported childcare closure leads to nothing but increasing intensity (9)
- 10 Half-hearted Swedes visiting Guernsey perhaps for summers (5)
- 11 Two sets of squaddies appearing in trials leads to troubles (8)
- 12 A dimension revealed by the French at the heart of string theory (6)
- 14 Back on this side I find climber making music around Etna? (9)
- 16 Honourable women,

- more prevalent at Christmas-time? (5)
- 17 Head covering trimmed for a Pope? (5)
- 19 French refusal for scheme with unlimited care is not on the level (9)
- 21 Ding-dong about papers for a council area (6)
- 22 Preparation of hood for 14th February in Chicago was worrying (8)
- 25 London venue increases capacity by 50% - it's still a gas (5)
- 26 Exhaust system, given headroom by Abe? (9)
- 27 Part of hospital, inadequate and in a state of chaos (7)

- 28 Latin sidestep takes guts (7)
- Down**
- 1 Recooks a banquet freshly for a new start (4,2,6,3)
 - 2 Artiste displaying inner energy - often one of three (5)
 - 3 Milky effect of duck on French lake (7)
 - 4 Pressure cannot stir dislocation (10)
 - 5 Ninety degrees gained in small Gloucestershire town (4)
 - 6 Time for resolution or reckoning? (4-3)
 - 7 Is Ex-President Trump one involved in Irish politics? (9)
 - 8 Prince and man-eater join nobleman's all-

- inclusive onboard journey (7,8)
- 13 Brusque Scottish bank manager's verbal refusal to fund the purchase of Italian food? (10)
- 15 Diced carrot or 3 of 27 with dead centre? (5,4)
- 18 Putative old fiddler, taking on most of French XI, has some value (3-4)
- 20 Generosity of Great Britain perhaps (7)
- 23 I struggled at Harvard maybe (5)
- 24 Discover hacker? (4)