



Across

- 8 Boundless thanks for loop of rope, say (4)
- 9 Young Satan confused these female advisers (5,5)
- 10 Rustle up a heavy coat (6)
- 11 Spin yarn we're told and scarper (4,4)
- 12 Observe, it's said, entire society, through these openings in masks? (8)
- 14 Simpleton's casual glance (6)
- 16 Cross way in on the way back (4)
- 17 China promoting a string of islands (5)

18 Spot spy (4)

- 19 Ultimate goal - spend all or three quarters of it (3-3)
- 21 Slice of meat left over during flight (8)
- 23 Inward-looking sorrow of ludicrously tipsy elf (4-4)
- 26 Old footwear of Polish-born French composer and pianist (6)
- 27 Rifle one of the oldest public schools (10)
- 28 Test old partner before noon (4)

Down

- 1 Lorry can be used for grain (10)
- 2 Drew outline of singular sailing vessel on heart of foredeck (8)
- 3 Pub briefly oddly ejected roly-poly person (6)
- 4 US fellow heartlessly left as a horse might do (4)
- 5 Spoilt greyhound lacking socially acceptable element (8)
- 6 Mongrel working old sheep (6)
- 7 Some private tuition for housewife (4)

13 Mount section of fiscal event (5)

- 15 Having an oval shape; I'll place it differently (10)
- 17 Telephone Italy for a type of splint (8)
- 18 Honey, behold, married became more tolerant (8)
- 20 Make a show of preferring endlessly daffy sects (6)
- 22 Roman orator's company including cake decorator (6)
- 24 Impressive European film (4)
- 25 Extracted from eye, tiny creature (4)