



Across

- 7 Mother turned up before wild beast (4)
- 8 Observer possibly has unknown opinion on broadcast service (3-3-4)
- 10 Eccentric is not even on it before you start (6)
- 11 Virus that's perhaps first caught by young bull (8)
- 12 For a pessimist, any year's rubbish (8)
- 14 Ditch flipping major flop (6)
- 16 Faces Toby and Steve to start with (4)
- 17 Twisted injury (5)
- 18 Prodigy was hoodwinked into zapping heads (4)
- 19 Not so much concerning what's taught (6)
- 21 Ten made to run around without interest, forgetting disorder (8)
- 23 Seek Iron Brew or oil (8)
- 26 Beetle's top quality, then second rate, following damage (6)
- 27 Finding fault in defective mantled jug (10)
- 28 Former European Community supervisor (4)

Down

- 1 Making square courtyard a truer shape (10)
- 2 Rapid shot lacking power needs particular arms' components (8)
- 3 Actively meddle, but in secret (6)
- 4 Let X plus 500 be divided by first answer plus ten - that's not right! (8)
- 5 Rolled up first on base that lacks gravity (6)
- 6 Thoroughly investigate love denial (4)
- 9 For the final time, my name is Roger! (3)
- 13 Full heat (5)
- 15 I'm at home in happy surroundings and completely knocked out (10)
- 17 Rush in to secure, for example, city in Canada (8)
- 18 One who aspires to fade away on the outskirts of north Lincoln (8)
- 20 Reject Betjeman's proposed incendiary target (6)
- 22 May heartless son dwarf me (6)
- 24 Case putting accusative ending on French 'you' and 'I' (4)
- 25 Juvenile amphibian is left without a head (3)