

## A Shady Past by Laccaria

### Across

- 9 Someone, almost drowned in river, gets slimmer (6,3)
- 10 Brought back perfect fragment of bone (5)
- 11 Old price of cut-down bike? (5)
- 12 Rarely managed one good handover - needed for this (5,4)
- 13 My card left aboard boat (7)
- 14 Scorn technology: right to have a fiddle around (7)
- 17 Animated youngster, not quite grown up, gets a doctor in (5)
- 19 Girl in Moscow to say 'yes' after one (3)

- 20 Prevents announcement? Ditto! (5)
- 21 Roman dramatist possibly centre-stage, at last (7)
- 22 Swear-words avoided by this second-rate outcast who's taken English (7)
- 24 Small tomato flower with nothing wrong in it (9)
- 26 Unworldly of madman to get rid of twitch - right? (5)
- 28 Managed to divide team money (5)
- 29 Is not in power - for keeps! (9)

### Down

- 1 Ten desert workshop for poker (4)
- 2 Former mace-bearer, for instance, doesn't complete precise action (6)
- 3 Cover for joint part? Not at first (10)
- 4 See 25
- 5 Discharges 28 if value unstable (8)
- 6 Postponement, for instance, taking little time (4)
- 7 Classical case cut short on removal of organ (8)
- 8 To start with half-pint, perhaps, is healthy (4)

- 13 Measurement reportedly to change from 2 to 8 (5)
- 15 Lay on this rigged ballot - not a cheat (10)
- 16 Avoid backing this with 22 lousy roles (5)
- 18 Beat these graduates getting the edge on high flyers (8)
- 19 Man dropped line, raised arm, maybe on slippery descent? On the contrary! (3-5)
- 22 He supplies prices of bread (started) and cake (not started) (6)
- 23 Smallest digit of irrational number -

not known initially, that is (6)

- 24 Loud voice of disapproval about growth (4)
- 25/4 Doncaster perhaps has fallback power cuts (10)
- 27 Got up about swallowing something too big (4)

