



### Across

- 1 Dismissal of wild Cairngorm herds (8,6)
- 10 Smell from cancerous growth devoid of core muscle (5)
- 11 Cut sage diagonally? (9)
- 12 Hate gin cocktail for cooking (7)
- 13 Serious Eastern novel (7)
- 14 Twenty mythical birds fly back east (5)
- 16 Elaborate recitations gone awry? Not so! (9)
- 19 Fool involved in Church function is a dish (9)

- 20 Leaders of totalitarian regime are planning several ambushes (5)
- 22 Not originally bald and stuffy (7)
- 25 Strike ten notes to produce cassava (7)
- 27 Perfectly formed vessel? (9)
- 28 Stirred a Chinese dish with energy (5)
- 29 Bad-tempered and sterile if malformed when gametes get together (5-9)

### Down

- 2 A tortured soul is after a brief nomination for something quite extraordinary (9)
- 3 South American mammal trapped by turncoat invaders (5)
- 4 Unidentified changes to cognition (9)
- 5 German leader with passion for boxing equipment (5)
- 6 Exclusion found in Chartres train ticket (9)
- 7 Exclusive and delicate removal of odd dicta (5)
- 8 Beloved confectionary (7)
- 9 Was she sick of scrubs? (6)
- 15 Self-centred, even over some sesame snack (9)
- 17 Behaviour towards gift is said to be expected (9)
- 18 USA lagoon outrageously similar (9)
- 19 Regular division in charge (7)
- 21 Light and dark sunglasses (6)
- 23 Conversationally mocking rebuttal from a horned beast (5)
- 24 Steal metamorphic rock (5)
- 26 Vegetable attracts real life gem (5)