



Across

- 1 It's customary to remove end of sausage (5)
- 4/16 Infantryman relaxed reading rude rag (9,9)
- 10 Time-off mid-period (4-4)
- 11 Storming such a castle might be child's play (6)
- 12 Malone rips apart, in a cold way (10)
- 13 Mineral found in hospital canteen (4)
- 14 Scrambled Royal egg drains off the rainwater (8)
- 17 Within a short time, Pepe's upset about Russian plain (6)

- 18 Leave alone on the beach? (6)
- 20 Capital wear for 4 across and 16 down - but sounds naked! (8)
- 22 Sour article police follow (4)
- 23 Clark's lute may be very dull (10)
- 26 Witty words on tomb are right out of order! (3,3)
- 27 One may be sentenced when in but not there! (8)
- 28 Yorkshire town's midweek team? (9)
- 29 May replace 20 across when not protecting palaces (5)

Down

- 2 Gather it's somewhat warm (5)
- 3 Foreman almost making blunder (5)
- 5 Love affair makes former PM go to pieces (7)
- 6 Bibles studied in the North with snacks (7)
- 7 Intrepid relative getting into rickety sleds (9)
- 8 Australian oil producers lie and cut pay anyway (9)
- 9 Just about manages to overtake (4,2)
- 15 I gag after painting vegetable (9)
- 16 See 4 Across
- 19 Removes from French steel mixture (7)
- 20 Form of Latin music heard by Offenbach at a concert perhaps? (7)
- 21 Eventually reaches final position (2,4)
- 24 One of five - or some may say six (5)
- 25 Elevate with an increase in income (5)