

NTSPP - 202 by Alchemi

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- 1 Racing writer went fast (at the speed of light!) in Formula One events in the end (7)
- 5 Secretary gets to school before nearly everyone about Easter (7)
- 9 Even I ain't bothered by Asian capital (9)
- 10 Safe to look searchingly round the centre of Chatham (5)
- 11 Think about a boy (6)
- 12 It's expedient, initially, to keep quiet about low temperature before getting a drink (8)
- 14 Plant top BBC man in bishopric (5)
- 15 Alternative experiment on sodium is the most highly embellished (8)
- 18 Part of French legal case (8)
- 20 Prohibition on return game in town (5)
- 22 Cruel and stupid about bad smell (8)
- 24 For dimwit, irritating itch is a knockout (6)
- 26 Mug on cleared tablecloth will vibrate (5)
- 27 Five get beer and a greater number take a little tea on romantic day (9)

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- 28 In Whitstable, do mermaids return to change shape? (7)
- 29 Mild glue obscuring line (7)
- Down**
- 1 Hectic and loud almost all the time? (8)
- 2 About 10, a legendary swimmer gets a cocktail (9)
- 3 Pet carrier has electronic conductor (7)
- 4 Break kitchen equipment up (4)
- 5 With the greatest authority, early arrival brings note on books (10)
- 6 Give encouragement to drink and drink (7)
- 7 Snag as Director of Birds loses one of his responsibilities? (5)
- 8 Parrots extracting central component of trucks (6)
- 13 Funny book has rodents taking a month to go through mountain pass (5,5)
- 16 Underwriter to make regular payments (9)
- 17 Once broken into, pub has time to get clean (8)
- 19 Arrived in the lead? Contrariwise, leading to slightly damp sleeping arrangement (4,3)
- 20 To drive someone mad, crazy Hun gets elected going backwards, for example (7)
- 21 Flying bomb man holding court is a winner (6)
- 23 Plasticine finally stops damage in women's residence (5)
- 25 French policeman finding film finishes early (4)