

**Across**

- 1** Area of Christianity more or less on the level? (6)
- 5** Crew member smears forbears (8)
- 9** I'm counting the minutes until soldiers see action (3,5)
- 10** Author enlarging at first on upper storey (6)
- 11** Live right over jailbird? Think again! (10)
- 12** Try husband's organ (4)
- 13** Retaliate after two characters leading scatter grub around (8)
- 16** Talkative guide starts to sound as though nanny's aboard vehicle (6)

- 17** Stripped for a clever mentor (6)
- 19** Film mogul's one of the Greens (8)
- 21** Writer's flippant name for his lordship (4)
- 22** Following appeal from 1980 US campaign one's caught with bags of chips? (10)
- 25** Most of Georgian place is impressive (6)
- 26** Paris academics feeling disgruntled with previous capital investment (8)
- 27** Environmentally friendly ringleader thus becomes fraudulent substitute (4-4)
- 28** Pulls forcibly and audibly breaks (6)

Down

- 2** Use guile to clinch, brushing aside women's viewpoint (5)
- 3** Start appearing in moleskin trousers (5)
- 4** Focuses on institution's wrongdoing (5,2)
- 5** Prune some sections of awkward brigade (7)
- 6** Locums cover sixty percent of city's residential areas (7)
- 7** Reluctant to introduce English to stuffed chapatti (9)
- 8** Group of musicians consuming a whole duck? (4,2,3)
- 14** Tiered cut styled to give confidence (9)

- 15** Deputies head Yard team tackling bad behaviour (4,5)
- 18** Competitive rider, just retired, making comeback (7)
- 19** I'm surprised Belgium seems prepared to support sterling (5,2)
- 20** Get too big for old-fashioned farm (7)
- 23** Underweight individual's a gas (5)
- 24** Isn't it commonplace among young people to have sex after pub? (5)