

Cryptic 042 by Leucine

Across

- 1 Bono's ex holds weapon for smooth operator (7)
- 5 Flowers all around in hippy-age songfest (7)
- 9 Casts out when works out takes nothing for drug (9)
- 10 More unusual bit cut from Welsh treat pursued by Romeo (5)
- 11 R&D exchange in drummer's wild dog (5)
- 12 Grouse nous for nitwit? (9)
- 13 Fox Spanish king with essential oil (7)
- 15 Hmm, pies thrown where the King rests? (7)

- 17 Cock up old gun without liplock (7)
- 19 Divides three at back of tabernacle with Hail Marys (7)
- 21 Larvae make off with start-up funding (9)
- 23 Prophetess reportedly bride of Basil (5)
- 25 Group exercise in mendacity may cause late breakfast (3-2)
- 26 Boozer splashes a beer in it (9)
- 27 Rest abandoned after MI6 ordains nuns (7)
- 28 Figures of speech,

Down

- like Leucine wreathed in smiles (7)
- 1 Gabler in credit at gorge (7)
- 2 Bother Senior Service for deck (5)
- 3 Duck under short raincoat was invited to kiss hands (9)
- 4 Mentioned as Kane passes used orb around (7)
- 5 Bacardi ban covering street is remedy (7)
- 6 Cancel old-time rotter (5)

- 7 Leave with stumpy cleric carrying composer for great reformer (9)
- 8 Jockeys, perhaps, in unknown isotherms (1-6)
- 14 TV in solver's home for video uploaders (9)
- 16 Whirlpool arouses alerts in American mother (9)
- 17 Anger about horse over third at Epsom is flyer in Johns (7)
- 18 Set-up crew recruited from yes-men when Time is a River (7)

- 19 Twain lurks where muscle men sweat (7)
- 20 Crossword addicts initially struggle, only later visiting even Raider's site (7)
- 22 Irish playwright said to confess (5)
- 24 Affray induced by fine in Highlands on third of July (5)

