

Across

1 Erma left modern-day novel for a fool (5)

3 Movie director removed interior at unknown hour - 4:00? Earlier? (2,7)

9 Cossack rat returns when short news broadcast reaches central Azerbaijan (5,5)

10 Dragon having removed first attacker, is self-satisfied (4)

11 Greek character leaves exercise for language class (3)

12 Moistened carelessly having taken drug - it's personal (6)

14 Stuff guts with fiery filling and it creates more wind! (7)

17 Shaggy is held in gun-shy Lorna's heart (7)

19 Thousand degree is relative? (7)

22 Fruit of papal document by expert (7)

24 A ghost from Dundee! (6)

26 Grassland in Middle America (3)

28 Odd orphan starts liking a gemstone (4)

29 Birds found in a diner? (10)

30 Odd farmer Nicky is holding that Spanish how often? (9)

31 Go mad about opinion (5)

Down

1 Well known heavyweight returned gold before formal acknowledgements (9)

2 Returning stock-rider obviously has a point (4)

4 Hair gel applied to explorer (7)

5 Even Sheila struts, oddly something is missing! (6)

6 It's the end Ron damaged badly (10)

7 Dress fabric South Africa exported for newspaper, perhaps? (5)

8 They will encourage someone, a gambler possibly (7)

13 Disguise square Edam carefully (10)

15 Regular Theban beverage (3)

16 King takes a long time to face a Shadow Warrior (9)

18 Bird not starting to cry (3)

20 Insects remain when dog and rook leave berries (3,4)

21 Plaise swimming around gurnard initially in the open sea (7)

23 Immediately positioned on church (2,4)

25 Expert belongs to the evidence (5)

27 Stolen goods found in Volkswagen (4)

