



**Across**

- 1 Spooner's startled his chef and ruined his chances (6,3,5)
- 10 Absolute quiet's wanted in club (5)
- 11 Thumping victory by government crushes totally opposition party leaders (9)
- 12 Older females on the prowl are a scourge not fully resolved (7)
- 13 Rhyming lines penned by Matt Tuck? (7)
- 14 Boozer's in charge of Brazilian region (5)
- 16 Begrudges poor people organising a sweep? (9)
- 19 Insinuates about players making heaps on the ground (9)
- 20 Met founder in

discussions covering introduction of damage control (5)

- 22 Pan made of base metal's neither English nor European (7)
- 25 "Moore put that up" muttered Cockney intellectual (7)
- 27 Flash motor car attracts new bird (9)
- 28 Scrap of stage curtain's pulled back to provide respite (5)
- 29 Single US soldier in any pub's unsafe - a butt to get conned (3,1,3,2,1,4)

**Down**

- 2 Striking miners (a third from Berkshire) are in a majority (9)

3 Smuggling weapon in car brings retribution (5)

- 4 Negative aspects of teams being relegated? (9)
- 5 Small atoll has a tenant (5)
- 6 Wound in body's getting bigger (7,2)
- 7 College window (5)
- 8 Home Secretary supports cardinal in divisions (7)
- 9 Centre covering that hides driver's nuts (6)
- 15 Tip a band to be on top of the world (4-1-4)
- 17 Get bowled over by top cricket side (catching little) (2,5,2)
- 18 Flier composed by

left-winger that's upset over nothing (5,4)

- 19 Movement raised novice to be young philanderer? (4,3)
- 21 Inconspicuous island liable to flooding? (3-3)
- 23 Drunken Conservative comes in for Queen's forgiveness (5)
- 24 Fly over houses with vibrating sound (5)
- 26 Polish off the claret you sip intermittently (3,2)