



Across

- 7 Point is central to discussion, or theoretical? (5)
- 8 American militia member, he's exceptionally lacking in stature (9)
- 10 Position taken against leaving European lake (6)
- 11 Figure of speech a mother mistaken to keep quiet (8)
- 12 MP worries about women sacked in plant (8)
- 13 Strip, having retired drowsy, becoming naked (4)
- 15 Vessel breaks, spills vegetables (7)
- 17 Bank's red line for City trafficking is most important (7)

20 Unprecedented to enclose such a delightful place (4)

- 22 Advanced hunger oddly vanished eating heart covered with breadcrumbs (2,6)
- 25 Boat in dock to the west of Irish islands (8)
- 26 Call for return of open coal fire inconsistently half-ignored (6)
- 27 Deceiving former Lib Dem leader, to wit implicated originally (3-6)
- 28 Sun disappears from covering area of open country (5)

Down

- 1 Twisting around end of finger is extremely painful (9)
- 2 He executes a spectacular feat training Ann's mutt (8)
- 3 Tribespeople opting occasionally to cast out every other pair of families (7)
- 4 Lump I let spread, affecting many parts (8)
- 5 Place where devotees gather, seeing European record equalled in upset (6)
- 6 Key senior officer (5)
- 9 Duck out of boozers often (4)

14 Determine accuracy of scales, interrupting supply briefly (9)

- 16 Prospect of country imprisoning soldiers (8)
- 18 Which singer is producing a traditional *Fiddler on the Roof*? (8)
- 19 Preserving a town close to the Thames (7)
- 21 Downgrade status of river fed by Test (6)
- 23 Dull characters ultimately in boring manor house party (4)
- 24 Terracotta perhaps, it's of modest value to potter (5)