



**Across**

- 1 Film teaches snooker skills (13)
- 9 Hit back at Fat Duck (7)
- 10 Encroach for one to pinch note back (7)
- 11 Acting, for example, is protection (5)
- 12 I'm halting awful poem (5,4)
- 13 Relative ran back in for cocktails (8)
- 15 Go to marry again? (6)
- 18 Very quick note on deception (6)
- 19 Robert the Bruce maybe most upset during examination (8)

- 22 Buries port in parts hidden from view (9)
- 24 Gas line as straight as this? (5)
- 25 Joint separation between Republicans and Democrats caused resentment (7)
- 26 Almost drained car before being heard (7)
- 27 Murder venue to determine one's location, say (6,7)

**Down**

- 1 Adds about 1100 American fighters (7)

- 2 Partner in crime maintains ledger (mostly falsified, they say) (9)
- 3 Merits bringing up national approaches (5)
- 4 Finding fault with shortened christmas show featuring Sheeran track (8)
- 5 Possessions no good in this (6)
- 6 Hospital resident doctor ain't inept (2-7)
- 7 Sail one put up in the Atlanta area (5)
- 8 Fish in a kitchen tool (6)
- 14 Singers opposed to line bringing up sex (9)

- 16 Wonderful barmaid upset by the French (9)
- 17 Blade chills princess (3,5)
- 18 Look up cook outside monastery (6)
- 20 Novelty winner oddly hidden by cape (7)
- 21 Used information about blonde (6)
- 23 Insect climbs over steps (5)
- 24 Total party support for evacuation of Auckland (3,2)