



Across

- 8** Boast in Siouan language (4)
- 9** Before start of engagement, performing quintette's standards for good online behaviour (10)
- 10** Rotten Mongolian tent gives worry (6)
- 11** Norwegian composer consuming French alcohol, generating distress (8)
- 12** Unlimited fast gauges for officers in charge of weights and measures (8)
- 14** Beam about score in Hampden Park; uncommon thing (6)
- 16** Tolerate ill-mannered fellow (4)

- 17** Torment essentially digging small trench (5)
- 18** Hear about speed (4)
- 19** Good old feast producing bellyache (6)
- 21** Highly attractive hospital department killing in Hollywood (8)
- 23** Vivid red colour of part of scratchcard in a lottery (8)
- 26** Jewish teacher with time for insignificant person (6)
- 27** Instrument of sweetheart finally able to court in a sentimental way (10)
- 28** Half of team regularly fall for dark greenish-blue colour (4)

Down

- 1** Disastrous heartbreaker's lacking art, at sea, to be forced off anchor by tides (5,5)
- 2** With greater number of small offshoots; more like a sixties fashion model? (8)
- 3** Section of vent re-engineered for means of access (6)
- 4** Pistols casually taken up for better in the market (4)
- 5** Hoard of young nobleman involving one hand followed by the other (8)
- 6** Work very hard at beard (6)
- 7** Shock when small lumps of coal turn up (4)

- 13** Pines about verbal attack (5)
- 15** Twisted carnality with touch of nastiness characteristic of 22 (10)
- 17** Nondescript nature of white horse, say, on headland (8)
- 18** Old weapons roughly cut backsides (8)
- 20** Excessively turbulent when Democrat supplants Republican (6)
- 22** Cruel dictator's hollow thundery bombast (6)
- 24** Partly open a wide-mouthed vessel (4)
- 25** Can name simple-minded person (4)