



**Across**

- 1 Spoil, with 50% bleach, stone with coloured streaks? (6)
- 5 To some extent, wages cap is muddled wishful thinking (8)
- 10 Wretched state of fellow (or lord) nearly at North Cape (11)
- 11 Scottish Church's endless liqueur (3)
- 12 Die, covered in gold - farewell ... (5)
- 13 ... to her ma, suffering with a cyst (8)
- 14 Toff copies letters needing sorting here? (4,6)
- 16 Afterthought about, for example, cloakroom fittings? (4)
- 17 Former Spanish XI (4)
- 19 Class pen as office equipment (10)

- 23 Poison in outlandish beliefs (8)
- 24 Pupils' day off - part of the bigger picture? (5)
- 25 Money in first instalment (3)
- 26 Revolutionary heathen plan could be put in mothballs (11)
- 27 Writhing twin embracing one saint (George, initially) (8)
- 28 Romeo, alone at last, poses questions to be faced a second time? (6)

**Down**

- 2 Almost eloquent in recent times, old fruit! (7)
- 3 It's a label: "devilish old weapons" (9)
- 4 Each maiden in a frilly collar offers listener protection (7)

- 6 Brief: design modified cleat for performance (9)
- 7 One Australian state starts to exterminate rabbits: that's what's needed here (6)
- 8 Enterprise captain fails to start - rather annoying (7)
- 9 First person found on the outskirts of Reading before half seven with queen gets bird (9)
- 14 Host to tap out "facsimile" (9)
- 15 Young Ian hiding new doctor's kitchen utensil (6,3)
- 16 Mole slips carelessly into soft shoes (9)
- 18 Greek character opposed to Italian wine (7)
- 20 Henry's in white, beginning to roam - where to? (7)

- 21 Old colour with trace of cyan in it, now obsolete? (7)
- 22 Singer's allowed in pub? No, the opposite! (6)