



**Across**

- 1 Press hard for second time to get feathered friend ... (6)
- 5 ... bird food (8)
- 9 Holy woman has cosmetic meant for the eye round her ear? (8)
- 10 Level of acidity on Malta that's brought up during cold spell (6)
- 11 Chap having a hand in large bird facility involving a degree of mayhem (10)
- 12 Crude measure of drunkenness went awry (4)
- 13 Poster's inwardly cross to be truncated (8)
- 16 Triumph one cheers - first for island (6)

- 17 Cunning recommendation to evade costs of recycling? (3-3)
- 19 Somewhat pompous clergyman with floppy inside wanting small surgical procedure (8)
- 21 Defect in communication on Titanic resulting in thinking the unthinkable (4)
- 22 Role abroad for which he's fully capitalised (10)
- 25 A sin? Yes (6)
- 26 High opening offer from broadcaster with no films or sport? (8)
- 27 Aretha, desperate, is after work that may be contracted in the theatre (5,3)

- 28 Woeful result for province (6)

**Down**

- 2 Universal support for tramp's spoken verse (5)
- 3 Prior to jaunt I laugh internally (5)
- 4 Worker's capture that shocked Bracknell (7)
- 5 Given limited freedom old thief keeps character hidden (7)
- 6 Bond, under criticism, left for the Marines (7)
- 7 Visit key sites one after another (6-3)
- 8 Missing Warne's fourth Gatting was out, showing plenty of energy (9)
- 14 Clicking on security feature in new driver after Intel bug fixed (7,2)
- 15 Bowling along wearing 27? (2,3,4)
- 18 Putty-like lumps afford youngsters days of hilarity initially (4-3)
- 19 Take care of an issue not of one's own making? (4-3)
- 20 Would you believe it, your advice is needed? (1,3,3)
- 23 Sect rejecting motorised transport lacks horse on Sabbath - that's unsatisfactory (5)
- 24 Pigment obtained from river in missile launch site (5)