



Across

- 9 Old bet, one about a cactus (7)
- 10 Too fine to finally dash back in haste (7)
- 11 Encounter ruin, not organised (3,4)
- 12 Disheartened shopper clasp small coins for short undergarment (7)
- 13 Singular braid, oddly foully nerve-wracking (9)
- 15 Steadily eat a great deal, gobbling heart of lunch (5)
- 16 Article rejects quotes about conservative man leading life of austerity (7)
- 19 Maybe does caviar that's expensive, by the sound of it (3,4)

- 20 Stretch one's neck in order to see wading bird (5)
- 21 Deceive well-balanced policeman (9)
- 25 Mostly scornfully abusive with no time for hormone (7)
- 26 Sheepdog right for mine worker (7)
- 28 Carriage horse for hire, not in the past unknown (7)
- 29 More with it to rattle on about tripe essentially (7)

Down

- 1 Counter English type of folk dance (6)
- 2 Resistance interrupting one who adjusts engine-pitch; worker using a lathe (6)

- 3 School's characteristic set up (4)
- 4 Produce eggs no longer fresh; put an end to activity (3-3)
- 5 Large marmot; game the French originally reintroduced (8)
- 6 Most hot and humid around river with greatest number of rivulets (10)
- 7 Look, good, working ocean boat made from hollowed out tree trunk (3-5)
- 8 Laundry worker from Chartres perhaps (8)
- 14 Reformed Lutherans discovered ultimately in old Scottish county (10)
- 16 A Roman Catholic gentle source of illumination (3,5)
- 17 School year-group in

- charge, principally studying ancient literary works (8)
- 18 East Enders cold and out of sorts on Skye going round clubs (8)
- 22 Some demonic energy of ancient city in Asia Minor (6)
- 23 Sibling endlessly cooked little buckwheat pancakes (6)
- 24 Wrongdoings of troublesome children not primarily tolerated (6)
- 27 Frothy milky coffee losing hint of taste towards the end (4)