



**Across**

- 1 Pet hates to carry insects about (8)
- 5 Bill protects wild boar on the continent (6)
- 9 Return greeting to the Parisian holding back cross judge (8)
- 10 Waistcoat makes person cool? (6)
- 12 Players teed off hopelessly (11)
- 15 One arrested by the force? (5)
- 17 English boast about cutting fat, supplying raw material for sweetener (5,4)
- 18 Reportedly passed a source of eggs, bacon and cheese? (9)
- 19 Turns around Arizona Mountain shopping centre (5)

- 20 Digs Pete and Dud looking for romance in a hurry (5,6)
- 24 Rector is one hosting prayer (6)
- 25 Command of French Guards - I am not bothered! (8)
- 26 Walked and travelled by speedboat on vacation (6)
- 27 Don't have as much sex as Billy perhaps? (8)

**Down**

- 1 Nans possibly approve of aperitif accompaniment (10)
- 2 Agent providing reinforcement in lie about holding up German girl (5,5)

- 3 Avoid start of concert, missing publicity (5)
- 4 Distributed red ant alerts written in yet another language (12)
- 6 Practical joke in celebration back-firing after stupid error (5,4)
- 7 Miss Germany's with Oscar at first (4)
- 8 Left unpaid before fight (4)
- 11 "Go defend one-nil lead without Edin Dzeko initially" suggests City leader (3,9)
- 13 Top gallery, I stepped up to the front (10)
- 14 They're found wandering near the back street, right by the East End bargain-hunters? (10)

- 16 Demons collapse according to Spooner, leaving iron compound (5,4)
- 21 Tolerate a president - almost! (5)
- 22 Top Man displays odd characters in blouses? (4)
- 23 Stand at funeral and drink, we're told (4)