



Across

- 8** Very backward old woman accepts iodine for a metal (6)
- 9** Unseat tenor he'd recast (8)
- 11** "Happy-clappy? Could be a sham!" – critic (11)
- 12** Weed Drake's bowling green? (3)
- 13** Admiration of bizarre spectacles (7)
- 14** Best ship - or some of its canvas? (7)
- 16** 'Cider tin' not an acceptable clue? (8,7)
- 20** Educated girl follows mother beginning to learn about wedlock (7)

- 22** An exquisite morsel for a savoury snack (7)
- 24** Tamper with phone, withholding number (3)
- 26** The corner Orlando Bloom finally set up for clock (11)
- 27** Sailor despatched to seek, essentially, for missing person (8)
- 28** Puts foot in resin? On the contrary! (6)

Down

- 1** Squeeze-box missing? Not applicable for *The Four Seasons* perhaps (8)
- 2** Fool acquires managerial qualification to love short envoy (10)

- 3** Setters up tree, lying down (6)
- 4** Something to do with an egg? Get away! (4,2)
- 5** Pick each wonky vegetable (8)
- 6** Offensive weapon in disco? Shame! (4)
- 7** Disturbed, Simon abandons ceremonials in Rye (6)
- 10** Quote writer recalled: "it's sickening" (6)

- 15** Juggling: endless action with Barsac for circus act? (10)
- 17** Secretive about explosive packaging for diamonds (8)
- 18** Utter "soldier" after arrival (6)

- 19** One driving round hill in poor visibility (8)
- 20** Take in test with argon for building material (6)
- 21** "He lieth in wait" – first of readings in Gospel, say, by Romeo (6)
- 23** Low humming and strange bleeps – not half! (6)
- 25** Doctor swallows arsenic – sharp intake of breath! (4)