



Across

- 8 Shanghai airline comes over channel (6)
- 9 Leave a drop of alcohol in gnarled horn cup (2-6)
- 10 Heard of Ancient Greek currency (4)
- 11 Guards required after sulphur's found in grain ovens (4-6)
- 12 Heartless sister gate-crashes top party (3,5)
- 13 Communicate worry about oddly missing kinsmen (6)
- 15 Island adopts English language (7)

Down

- 17 Navigate a group of drivers back to convoy (7)
- 20 Pester WWII hero to welcome German (6)
- 22 Key state vote's cut by half - hit the roof (8)
- 24 Soprano's wearing sort of light blue concoction (5,5)
- 26 Excellent group's right for conservative (4)
- 27 Exceptional cooked pilau rice I devoured (8)
- 28 Award Romeo supported by another Shakespearean character (6)

Down

- 1 Died alone on banks of Tyne behind the times (8)
- 2 Working to restrain a continuing source of humour (7,3)
- 3 Patience maybe firm (6)
- 4 Paper prepares evening features? (7)
- 5 Vikings' paradise - place to eat surrounded by flowing lava (8)
- 6 Recruit's wearing unbleached linen (4)
- 7 Xenophobic Chinese dogs (6)

- 14 An unreasonable request from American High Command (1,4,5)
- 16 House with joint authority (8)
- 18 Tie smoker up in lobby (8)
- 19 Tales of Muslim rulers accepting brooding music (7)
- 21 Two-acre meadow contains unknown shrub (6)
- 23 Church only prepared tea (6)
- 25 Turn up with internet gear the queen abandoned (4)