



Across

- 1 Leave port (5)
- 4 Trendy writer at top of shortlist impresses (9)
- 10 Ring on digit? One could be engaged (9,6)
- 11 See 7 Down
- 12 Beet verbalises expression of surprise (1,3)
- 14 Spooner's glitch in composition of crossword shows he took a chance (7,4)
- 16 Question Pythagoras knows contains the answer (3)
- 19 Awful sickly losing weight following a brief illness (3)
- 20 Second team club together to get a cocktail (11)
- 22 Initially Gove

criticised syllabus, ultimately futile examination (1,1,1,1)

- 24 Savagely abuse Colin - that's not very friendly (10)
- 26 It aids boor Lance, which is out of order (8,7)
- 27 Bad move, hearts of little ingenues are stolen (3-6)
- 28 Oh yeah, ignoring a setback - oh well! (3-2)

Down

- 2 Serving lunch, say, by degrees (9)
- 3 Makeover - I dye and tint myself (8)
- 5 It's for nine people, number ten is upset (5)
- 6 Convulsive tic and

reaction suggest that drug was not advisable (14)

7/11 "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?" The rhythmic pattern Shakespeare's lines obey (6,10)

- 8 Start of argument after cutting off person you don't like, you're told to stick it where the sun doesn't shine (5)
- 9 Like 7 and 11 for example, pair on the end of sonnet (7,7)
- 13 Rabbit is a horny beast (3)
- 15 Woman that dropped aitch replaced by posh woman (3)
- 17 Fell out tucking into kebab - it isn't kosher (9)

18 Girl's dreadfully eager to argue (8)

19 Back up file, you won't give it if you're careless (3)

21 Extremely troublesome, answer with back-chat, one will end up in hot water (3,3)

23 Anglican altar displays artificial flower (5)

25 Term of endearment in French capital (5)