



Across

- 7 Make the horse-riding community unhappy (5)
- 8 Passed the necessary exams, but with reservations (9)
- 10 Small boy finally saw vessel overturned by legendary sea monster (6)
- 11 Pass judgement on the form of words to be used (8)
- 12 Hints on tackling insect pests include an empty honey jar (6)
- 13 It was awfully rude to have island competition taking place along a grooved track (6)
- 15 From the outskirts of Southampton, a monarch is following a winding route (7)
- 16 Underground plant stem I find in European capital between searches in Hamburg and Zagreb initially (7)
- 20 A Frenchman might ring concerning plant covering (6)
- 23 Grand girl played in London's East End? (6)
- 25 Brass instrument used to hold papers together in France (8)
- 26 It's evident that a Bach or a Liszt composition would be the most suitable music for a singing group (6)

- 27 Enticed given idle speculation (9)
- 28 Offspring of a pair it's heard (5)

Down

- 1 Grasp the meaning of arrest (9)
- 2 We recognise that a long twisted kink in the chain could be its Achilles' heel (4,4)
- 3 South African in luxury vehicle has the means around him to purchase scholarship grant (7)
- 4 Map used by alien to reach Earth, for example (6)
- 5 Notes on garden party revealed it was self-indulgent (6)
- 6 Sure sounds also like an impressive feature of the forest (5)
- 9 Socialist leader within workers' organisation achieves complete agreement (6)
- 14 I coin a mad and original description of an organic compound (5,4)
- 17 Greet sailor despite his criminal activity (6)
- 18 Wrote lazy, rambling account about how the West lacked fanaticism (8)
- 19 Allow young animal always to enter (7)
- 21 Aquatic creature on the rocks is mine (6)
- 22 Bird is inclined to puff noisily (6)
- 24 Cross under a

Swedish bridge in a
district of New York
(5)