



Across

- 1 A calm cur has been barking, claims farmer (9,6)
- 9 Meditation in nuthouse rightly exposed (7)
- 10 Ostentatious swagger of party on Spanish coast (7)
- 11 Slough welcomes soldiers - ten contracted? (9)
- 12 Sneak shackled by villainous idlers (5)
- 13 A side's the same on the other side? (4)
- 14 E.g. diamond Sara returned, finding Italian dishes (10)
- 18 Connoisseur of stars imprisoned by subterranean guard (10)

- 19 A side's half a continent (4)
- 21 Former volunteers and politicians in packs (5)
- 23 Humbled Edward, known for his modesty? (9)
- 24 Embellishment: a roll perhaps (7)
- 25 Night of free choice? (7)
- 27 Foolish to have us prefects harassed insolently (15)

Down

- 1 Appropriate subject (3)
- 2 Ecology's brief history, unamplified? (9)
- 3 Slurred 'Got ale?' drunkenly (6)
- 4 Out and proud,

- 5 Like 'a rag man', could be mayhem, bedlam! (5)
- 6 Cooling device a celaphopod might find unsatisfactory? (4-4)
- 7 Burn received from hag's cauldron (5)
- 8 State Street I secure for the lying state? (5,6)
- 11 Dotty elders will drink anything to get blotto (11)
- 15 Pompous jerk drove up scholars first (9)
- 16 Soothing cask of 'Ensign' bitter (9)
- 17 Death of familiar Queen guitarist seen in city (8)

- 20 Provided sandwiches in case rises in usual state (6)
- 22 Hammers savages found in shopping centres, understandably (5)
- 23 Tawdry appearance of the man in Balmoral (5)
- 26 Product of radiance and opportunism (3)