



**Across**

- 1 Evening pint is the source of regular tweets (8)
- 5 Partially describe a very busy creature (6)
- 10 Crazy fellow, magician at heart (5)
- 11 Put too great a strain on daughter following public expenditure cut (9)
- 12 An opera-glass means confusing lettering contains nothing I miss (9)
- 13 Cancel yearbook with article removed (5)
- 14 Short type of American needle (6)
- 15 Argument divides unconvincing way of restarting game (5-2)

- 18 Middle of the road backchat regarding pasta dish (7)
- 20 Confined location is cooler (6)
- 22 When party's beginning I face cold jelly (5)
- 24 Battle artist returns to his work capturing tattered flag (9)
- 25 Disgusting misuse of superlative - disheartened aspirant withdraws (9)
- 26 Merchant associated with illegally-traded commodity (5)
- 27 Outside parking by hospital - empty zone right after last bay's a breeze! (6)
- 28 Responsibility not taken for airport goods (4-4)

**Down**

- 1 Agile sportsman I'm blessed in accommodating (6)
- 2 Produces great scene drunk, throwing out Conservative (9)
- 3 Form of music reasonably making use of scientific application (15)
- 4 Note disease outwardly infectious to rodents (7)
- 6 Remarkably rare taxi ride only surprises if no energy is utilised (15)
- 7 Kiss precedes drug dissolved in wine for ill-tempered female (5)
- 8 Evocative tear filled with grief (8)
- 9 Failing to transfer allegiance (6)
- 16 Order gown fashioned for offender (9)
- 17 20 Across gangster and extreme characters adopt animal behaviour finally (8)
- 19 Curious elation an absent ring may involve (6)
- 20 Level out with gold coating on top (7)
- 21 Gory mess in front of Tyneside breakwater (6)
- 23 Appear unexpectedly from Towcester, say (3,2)