

**Across**

- 6** It's said that the main feature is so described (7)
7 Exceed this to gain points (5)
9 Does a nutter live in it or drive it? (4)
10 Hostelry gets applause for a change (10)
11 Unexpected variations is a grave change (8)
13 Friar at home to scoff (4,2)
15 A swinish expression (4)
17 Rat loses head and plays by the river (5)

18 It's said that this is often shed for this rank (4)

- 19** Too spry? doubtful, losing nothing for being active (6)
20 Yearn after a spell of time (8)
23 Appears wet, unsettled by litter perhaps (5,5)
26 Old chap by the sea? (4)
27 Reverse bed and put eleven in it - could be dangerous (5)
28 Girly slang name (7)

Down

- 1** This busy-body wants to know and is supported by a writer (4,6)
2 Brief cover for an atoll (6)
3 Enthusiastic lamentation? (4)
4 Tea lover stirred this to go up or down (8)
5 Honour computer work or drop out (4)
6 Untidy Alvar became quite grubby (5)
8 Be unfaithful twice? (3-4)

12 Results at a yeast testing reveals another flavour (5)

- 14** Block of neat fodder (6,4)
16 You could take new heart from this (7)
17 Policy MS rewritten every four years? (8)
21 Utter a garbled narrative, I've opted out (6)
22 Admission Eve rejected with a denial (5)
24 Get mobile to receive this (4)
25 This is a ceremony (4)