



**Across**

- 1 Beastly operations omit 66 cuts. (8)
- 5 Football Association lies about improvement in cup form. (6)
- 10 Respond to mixed race, first half of TT. (5)
- 11 Doctor the French order. Extra starter is good for you. (9)
- 12 Beset by grief, broken, we beg no - one to lose love. (9)
- 13 McDonald's choice to dine at home. (3,2)
- 14 Rabbit, perhaps, takes measure to get shot. (6)
- 15 Albeit time for cogitation. (7)

- 18 Miss Loe prepared to be flexible. (7)
- 20 Working Cockney chap. Method not requiring reciprocation. (3,3)
- 22 Scratch the previous clue. (5)
- 24 Not closed, closed. It may never be. (4,5)
- 25 Dull chase for a speedy dog. (9)
- 26 Forces not satisfied. (5)
- 27 Brown returns flower for Mother? (6)
- 28 Sailor backed vote for new church's temporary shelving. (8)

**Down**

- 1 Spread betting on fight that hasn't started. (6)
- 2 Continuous energy absorbed by action in smaller quantity (9)
- 3 Healthier gent to swing with nothing on. (2,3,10)
- 4 Fresh hull or kiel for Welsh city (7)
- 6 Get on prior to bombshell dropped cheekily into conversation with someone older. (3,6,6)
- 7 Way off being strong (5)
- 8 Revive yet inter forever. (8)

- 9 Powerful Company man. (6)
- 16 One who defends man; drag us out. (9)
- 17 Shooter uses it to throw light on second weapon. (8)
- 19 Book former love from the French south. (6)
- 20 Add speech later, bud? (7)
- 21 Rhyme dry with eye without the old spy. (6)
- 23 Top secret patent. (5)