



Across

- 1 Unfaithful Frenchman maybe aged disgracefully (8)
- 5 Vegetable rust? (6)
- 9 He stared improperly - part of seat being visible behind (8)
- 10 Ignoring the odds, reverses Armageddon Hex Charm (6)
- 12 First-rate politician's parting excuse (5)
- 13 Loathsome old boy next door to Number 10 indicating debts? (9)

- 14 The result of choosing between sad and overjoyed psychics? (1,5,6)
- 18 Reading for one accepting gangster's wide-ranging state (12)
- 21 Unsafe ship, for example, had pet rat swimming (5-4)
- 23 The conclusion reached *before* cracking cipher (5)
- 24 Running order from Ms Lovelace squeezing General (6)
- 25 Feature of Python Eric's sloth? (8)
- 26 Tear exchanging articles for lead (6)

- 27 Untaxed cost could be so accounted for (4-4)

Down

- 1 Rifles are the means to gain power (6)
- 2 Vitamin C in regular treatment for angina, initially (6)
- 3 See topless below deck: one's warned not to pay! (9)
- 4 Upset with disclosure when old member's out for fifty (12)
- 6 Mobile tool perhaps with bearings inside is appropriate (5)
- 7 "Charioteers staggered when sea parted" - such eloquence (8)
- 8 Supply moistener ignoring new routine (8)
- 11 Full of information, film about nursing revolved around work (12)
- 15 Outgoing rambler receives garbled text? Quite the reverse! (9)
- 16 Rave support for team not heading fourth division (8)
- 17 Fixed gilt - name for bond (8)
- 19 Show space to turn round (6)

- 20 Trouble results
from uneven heats?
A Silver! (6)
- 22 Dodge's centrally
meshed gears (5)