



Across

- 1 Pictured Parisian artist retiring in life cut short at first (9)
- 6 Bend sinister? (4)
- 8 Inventor of microcomputers first abandoned by reckless criminals (8)
- 9 Samphire's taken from the sea? On the contrary, when cooked it's seafood. (6)
- 10 Hike price of broly covering 40% of Zulus (6)
- 11 Dish served hot and cold with aplomb (4,4)
- 12 "A tough patch", might The Samaritans say? (6)
- 15 Notice possibility of acceptance (8)
- 16 Muscle engaged in finger span (8)
- 19 Crawlers desert country, touring south (3-3)
- 21 Primitive tea, for example, taken outside scruffy dive (8)
- 22 A quiet place, a quiet crowd (6)
- 24 Puff of smoke (6)
- 25 You and me returning before collecting event's first prize (8)
- 26 For each drug swallowed there's a count, for example (4)
- 27 Glut of flies evenly blended with protein shake (9)

Down

- 1 Type of heather I can't extract (5)
- 2 Food cut roughly and stuffed in bottle (7)
- 3 Scalpel's first instrument for cutting (5)
- 4 Channel hijacked by Indian state thug (7)
- 5 Free spirit - I do my beds untidily (9)
- 6 No end of tropical exotic fruit (7)
- 7 Skipper's potty, hoarding gold (9)
- 13 Parrot eats stormy petrel - it's an excellent source of nutrition (5,4)
- 14 Writer scraps compositions initially, torn apart with little hesitation (9)
- 17 Hanger-on about to hang around (7)
- 18 Polish consume varieties of chicken (7)
- 20 Lively movements portrayed in some Escher zig-zag designs (7)
- 22 Handsome politician gripped by booze (5)
- 23 Synthetic carbon black removed - could be the start of something big (5)