



Across

- 7 *À la recherche du temps perdu*: meet one in favour of Proust crossing out every other letter (7)
- 8 Nobody's picked up why it may be (7)
- 10 Bugs, hitting the mark precisely, coming back with a trace of sarcasm (4)
- 11 Down with rubbish reversal indicator! (5,4)
- 12 Stretch wings on Luftwaffe apprenticeship (4)
- 13 Rectifying or putting right before designer's beaten up (10)
- 14 Further to the recent checks,... (5)
- 16 ...Porcia's half prepared... (3)
- 17 ...to improve, turning chess board round next to finish off Spassky (5)
- 21 Anagram *so* indirect, revealing judgement (10)
- 23 Gull following ladies about? (4)
- 24 23d?!
- 25 Tease fault-finder (4)
- 26 Tip from Hancock: what a pint is (very nearly) is unhealthy (7)
- 27 Returned training aid, leaving Porcia to fail again (7)

Down

- 2 A bit rudely, repeatedly go over other peoples' business (6)
- 3 Porcia's taking in Australian lout, becoming laughing stock (7)
- 4 More treacherous Ukraine's periodically rising up, supported by Armenia doing the same (7)
- 5 Horridly bothered after cycling, wordplay not properly solved (8)
- 6 Surface with surface within and without a surface (6)
- 9 "Rude! We bridled!"...so cleaned up (11)
- 15 Previous crossword's first exploit leads to much embarrassment. Sorry (6,2)
- 18 Like Hancock's signature light starters, prepared without using the ingredients for aunt's dark fudge flambé (8)
- 19 Propriety observed in function with drink in the City? On the contrary! (7)
- 20 Not scandalised, taking off without being finished? (7)
- 22 Quite so off colour? More or less? (3,3)
- 23 Last word of feature in French, setting up what follows so one gets crowning 18 (6)