



Across

- 7 Silver ring from the past (3)
- 8 Diagram centres on Italian growth of farming industry (11)
- 11 Casts off beads (5)
- 12 General punctuation nerd in a tizzy (9)
- 13 Overarching project to explore planet Mars (6,4)
- 14 Good solver, ultimately? I'd fill this (4)
- 16 Light taking seconds to become universal (6)
- 18 Oddly thin, grey flower (6)

22 One's unhappy about being mentioned (4)

- 23 PR firm's heartless error put unstable international leader ahead (6,4)
- 26 European Union measures to check acidity of river (9)
- 27 Result from European banks' appeal (5)
- 28 Ruin on outskirts of Nice (city in France) (11)
- 29 Company's good to unimportant employee, perhaps? (3)

Down

- 1 Hysteria surrounding democrat is affecting everyone (8)
- 2 Happy to be just on your own, until sobbing starts (6)
- 3 In fairness, hapless son is not an ostentatious type (4,5)
- 4 Bob's down about love (5)
- 5 Killer Queen, by Queen, has upbeat intro (8)
- 6 Deviated from ever-changing journalist (6)
- 9 Instructions for making une crepe? (6)

10 Arrange a time to fight (6)

- 15 T for tea-time tool, perhaps? (3,6)
- 17 Elusive, like a fox, say, carrying headless fish for breakfast (8)
- 19 One gets a beating from caveman, for example (5-3)
- 20 Silly question not in inverted commas? (6)
- 21 Back inside? No, sir, please! (6)
- 22 Disgusting smell of sulphur and fish (6)
- 24 Bug member of cult? (6)
- 25 "It's very unusual to shoot rifle," I conceded (5)