



**Across**

- 1 It's bad form if it's just not used before this game (7)
- 5 Gives rise to Asian river drowning engineer (7)
- 9 Smoked but no longer suffering from it (5)
- 10 Protected from shock that made the sultan die (9)
- 11 Single person's holiday? Don't touch it! (5,5)
- 12 It may be used, or heard by players at The Crucible (3)
- 14 Overly mean, but better than most (5,7)

**18** Limitations put on

- men given time to re-use dog-ends (12)
- 21 Ritter gets a shortened message (3)
- 22 Not in favour of reaching the top - what a let down! (10)
- 25 Light covering has made record recovery (9)
- 26 Battered old sort of body (5)
- 27 Skill you outwardly use when behaving morosely (7)
- 28 Burdened as a horse may be (7)

**Down**

- 1 She puts many in charge of this city (6)
- 2 Raid on raid perhaps (6)
- 3 Band played in key note to get the pulse (6,4)
- 4 Hearing test? (5)
- 5 Suggest that, in error say, you took food (9)
- 6 Many followed Derek down to the valley (4)
- 7 A deep sea diver who doesn't often come up for air (8)
- 8 Depressed by an utterly tearful conclusion (8)
- 13 Discussed being respired (10)

**15** Discretionary solo

- instrumental piece (9)
- 16 Small cutlets cooked by the fireside (8)
- 17 Primal ox showed early development (8)
- 19 A good way to behave? Not like this! (6)
- 20 Neat way to cross the river when on foot (6)
- 23 Thoughts inspired by stage whisper (5)
- 24 Alcohol that's served up containing two units a glass (4)