



Across

- 1 Green head of toad, an amphibian (4)
- 3 Invalid's account following tumble given notably short shrift at first (10)
- 9 One going on tour taking in look around African city (7)
- 11 Maybe Doris is behind drama being broadcast at this time? (7)
- 12 When developing pub plot or housing I left planning committee (9)
- 13 Left extremes of killer heat, and kept in shade (5)
- 14 Feast, having cooked Red Sea tuna with cored yams (6,6)
- 18 Before start of exam,

former pupil backed staff with abandon in obsequious display (3,3,6)

- 21 Rejoice as Catholic's first to leave former sect (5)
- 22 Previously admitting plot, that is, in submission to authority (9)
- 24 Nice one - a don made out in the dark (7)
- 25 Captain Bligh saw guppy caught heading west (7)
- 26 Impresario's loopy cast, as described by Spooner (5,5)
- 27 Prime Minister's key study (4)

Down

- 1 Silent, unlike a shepherdess? (3,1,4)
- 2 Sponge - absorbing lake with it first is a pain in the neck (8)
- 4 All the best depart wearing gold (5)
- 5 Alight from bow next to 27 (4,2,3)
- 6 Roughly whack on clothing, flapping about on leaving, and missing hotel's checking out time repeatedly (5-8)
- 7 Extraordinarily hot lad behind The Times? (3,3)
- 8 Check swelling muscle in elbow to begin with (6)

- 10 Suffering tenth coronary? Not at all (2,3,8)
- 15 Neighbours, say, mostly rise and go off on time (4-5)
- 16 Lacking energy, Fred's friend's unsympathetic when heading off for area of US farm (8)
- 17 Broadcast fundraiser from hotel, somehow breaking number of green bottles (8)
- 19 Rich capital city bores (6)
- 20 Peculiar in technique as youngster (6)
- 23 Living abroad, seeing postman who's late? (5)