



Across

- 1 Stick up for a foreigner caught embracing drunken revelry (12)
- 8 It's essential to bow on the concert platform (9)
- 9 Pooh starts to praise scenic Hundred Acre Wood (5)
- 11 Prepare to carve ham (7)
- 12 Bite mushroom with bit of stuffing inside (6)
- 14 Particle in dispersing helium (4)
- 15 Nan losing heart in American's dull, dull, self-contained apartment (6,4)

- 17 A time to hunt in clear oceans – proceed! (4,6)
- 19 Blow oddly into old English instrument (4)
- 21 Bin Laden with bad scientist (6)
- 23 Old maid in a great bother (7)
- 25 Historic conference site in unknown country miles away (5)
- 26 Stirring, stormy sonata in G – it's not Saint-Saëns' first, fourth or last (9)
- 27 Where marathoner might be seen eventually (2,3,4,3)

Down

- 1 Catch up with East European to get boat propeller (9)
- 2 Islander hiding in secret annexe (6)
- 3 Take her bra off? It's extremely distressing (10)
- 4 Edible seaweed? Me neither! (4)
- 5 Disease damaged pores in lady's skin (7)
- 6 They may be seen in forests before and after fires (5)
- 7 Go ape, or what? (5,1,6)
- 10 Suffer punishment going off the straight and narrow? (4,3,5)

- 13 Digging land for pitching (10)
- 16 Heavenly body's swaying in freedom after dropping Ecstasy (9)
- 18 Leaves brooch in Salvation Army church (7)
- 20 I'm about to venture, so to speak, somewhat above the ground (6)
- 22 Criminal escaped without wife – she's back inside (5)
- 24 Follow cab halfway to Illinois (4)