



**Across**

- 1 Party the Parisian bishop gatecrashed for a piece of cake (6)
- 4 First to abandon Wesleyan approach (6)
- 9 Hue and cry - criminal doctor escapes (4)
- 10 Syllabuses in favour of the alternative weight spelling (10)
- 11 See returning king clothed in silver primarily showing diamond motif? (6)
- 12 Tight-lipped one engaging in diplomacy given run around (8)

- 13 Unpredictable day for lift attendant? (2-3-4)
- 15 Regretted sounding bad-mannered (4)
- 16 Where to go to overindulge (4)
- 17 Laurel perhaps starts to climb higher in October needing support (9)
- 21 Eligible academic perhaps (8)
- 22 The odds are one-sided (6)
- 24 Reporters piece-work (6,4)
- 25 Ford part found in Valparaiso lockup (4)
- 26 Marsh harriers? (6)
- 27 Parking in lay-by - surprisingly not

where the real action is (2-4)

**Down**

- 1 Spooner reportedly to assess salad dressing for picnic? (3,4)
- 2 Desperate character unpacked deadly blade (5)
- 3 Follow speech in silence (3-4)
- 5 Rhine cruise at the start needs reorganising to improve (6)
- 6 Latest about setter - pity it's not good news (4,5)
- 7 Sanguine undercover Bolshevik? (4,3)
- 8 What gourmet in

confusion calls toothsome (5-8)

- 14 Hospital featuring in latest report for hard-line journalist (9)
- 16 Upset Romeo at cafe (7)
- 18 Any thug could be mischievous (7)
- 19 Perhaps throw some balls, then rest (7)
- 20 Fair to take place outside the capital? That's not on! (6)
- 23 Stand for old PM losing his head whilst being installed (5)