

Across

- 8 And this continuing similarly before you know it (4)
- 9 Once steady, needs particular judge to acquit (9)
- 10 Temperature for cooking gruel heated by element of oven (6)
- 11 Group of parasites (or characters from zoo) in spring (8)
- 12 Secret doctrines answer graduate notes on question (8)
- 14 Just like hemming fringe of big round cushion (6)
- 16 Mentioned all but first project (4)
- 17 Substitute for position on charts? (5)
- 18 President in brief elected; accepted by cricket club (1,2,1)
- 19 Became deoxidised, partially withdrawing excess fluid (6)
- 21 Robot drone backing claims on setback (8)
- 23 Northern perimetric extremes are half of this biblical town (8)
- 26 Never get old, forgetting name in mental decline (6)
- 27 Irregular police raid passes left then disperses (9)
- 28 Job of spin doctor and of informal academic (4)

Down

- 1 Dwarf seaman aboard tugboat say, almost capsized (5,5)
- 2 Rise then fall behind after having cut too much (8)
- 3 Stuck up churchman recalled an old Italian city (6)
- 4 Hits wide into raised place in ground (4)
- 5 For this fertilisation, kinky oxygen masks exist (8)
- 6 Rabbit patrolling river together with small marsupials (6)
- 7 Scratch unknown star, no opening for him (4)
- 13 Silence conceals besides twisting poetic truth (5)
- 15 Foreman finally grounding undisciplined lackey (7,3)
- 17 Dove, showy bird, went and did stuffing for organic packaging (8)
- 18 Building cheap houses, not monument (8)
- 20 Receding hair regularly veils top of crown (6)
- 22 Old Italian house by the sea. Nice here! (6)
- 24 A man and a woman (4)
- 25 American entertainer in club supporting husband's faithful journey (4)

