

Rookie Corner 640

by Burrows

Across

- 6 Cosmetic product derived from skin of Steve Strange (5)
- 7 Showcases what it is Dawn's job to do (4,4)
- 10 Book of songs (7)
- 11 Henry I, however, can be fishy character (7)
- 12 Reduces things that might improve us by the sound of it (7)
- 13 Takes a risk in Grand Theft Auto, steering clear of gaming tables (7)
- 14 Authorise in case Burrows isn't able to find Major (11)
- 19 Hidden message sci-fi writer sent back reveals pigment (7)
- 21 Tries softer female comic (7)
- 23 United frisky young cat with a little dog (7)
- 25 Violent wifeless wretch confronted by police investigator faces jug (7)
- 26 Getting to everyone involved in circle (8)
- 27 Learn about kidneys (5)

Down

- 1 Vows nothing making way for European bases (8)
- 2 Current austerity motion originally held up by old man in France (6)
- 3 Control a great deal of gang, bolstered by mutinous noises (10)

- 4 Network running through Thames House (4)
- 5 One member of percussion duo sounds like Mark (6)
- 6 Perform the French solo (6)
- 8 Awkward situation lifted lid on literary matchmaker (7)
- 9 Hard tests set up for squirrel (5)
- 13 Old money primarily prospers in grammar school test subjects (6,4)
- 15 Inherited knowledge underpinned by revolutionary quote (7)
- 16 Lighting up feature coated in rising grime (8)
- 17 London, Havana? (5)
- 18 Intergalactic origins of artifact seem to reveal alien life (6)
- 20 Hang around with leaders of lots of international territories supported by Queen (6)
- 22 What is to come ultimately, if you trust text expunged from scripture (6)
- 24 Stage of development adolescents instinctively spurn at the outset (4)

