



## ACROSS

- 1 Declining period, not without love (8)
- 5 Hour involved in extensive servitude (6)
- 9 Pope, say, with bar etc. on misbehaving (8)
- 10 Riding-school, for instance, swamped by horse hair (6)
- 12 Stone circle reinterpreted by modern science? (11)
- 15 Plot escape route? (5)
- 17 Deploy machines with energy? (9)
- 18 Chap that destroyed an American island (9)
- 19 Tire, we hear? No, it's tyre these could do for! (5)
- 20 Actress needing tear to flow? (11)
- 24 A bride may be upset – seeing this in honeymoon suite? (3-3)
- 25 Grinding? That's Earth revolving, despatched in orbit (8)
- 26 Pass the Spanish-style part of church (6)
- 27 A measure of the length of *route* (deem 'root' mistaken) (8)

## DOWN

- 1 Makes a point and leaves the party? (6,4)
- 2 Instrument to study certain changes (10)
- 3 Ancient coin – one found in pipe (5)
- 4 No name on listing for trial – therefore reserving judgement? (3-9)
- 6 It's an advantage these days to enter the arts, curiously enough (4,5)
- 7 Drinks will have men blowing their top (4)
- 8 Gaze lewdly, dance being over? (4)
- 11 Surprised by cancellation of Prom? (12)
- 13 Modern dance number? Some canvassing reveals lack of favour (10)
- 14 Source of information that could make West relent (10)
- 16 Cruel increase in deafness shrouding Beethoven's Fourth (9)
- 21 There's nothing to be found in one obscure mode of speech (5)
- 22 Member consumed china tea (4)
- 23 Topic one needs to study mostly (4)