



## ACROSS

- 1 Article for working out configuration of locks (4)
- 4 Observation on getting power on replacing core part (9)
- 9 Sailors catching sole and other sea creatures (8)
- 10 Indication of agreement about copper's shrewdness (6)
- 11 Not backing dispute in Kings' complex design (8)
- 12 Sparkling river entering bay (6)
- 13 Caught digging into a source of berries, a flowering shrub (6)
- 14 Mostly the answer incorporates 'Tripartite, ultimately' (5-3)
- 16 Lived off scraps , several times over (8)
- 18 Say every university clawed back shortfall (6)
- 20 Important to shun women – to live to this? (6)
- 22 Pork dish, cooked etc? Thanks (8)
- 23 Twist almost entirely affecting the back? (6)
- 25 Supper attendees subsequently consuming last of dessert in passion (8)
- 26 Game no longer for majority? (6-3)
- 27 Flaky skin cold water displaced (and foam) (4)

## DOWN

- 2 Unreliable statement supported by account supplied by one mathematician (9)
- 3 Company upset about oil it processed from type of limestone (7)
- 4 Comforting 'solar' tycoon after vandalism (11)
- 5 Perfume includes a non-standard background element (5)
- 6 Eggs on various athletes taking premier placings (3)
- 7 Scholarly English, little primitive about it (7)
- 8 Effectiveness in support? Only half of that (5)
- 12 Boat's banner quite unfurled (11)
- 14 A little subdued having polished off Phi? (3)
- 15 Long distance? Insubstantial, not entirely long (5,4)
- 17 Improve hen partying – frolic topless (7)
- 19 Stage effects genuine upturn in Shakespearean character (7)
- 21 One's crazy about positive data (5)
- 22 I knock up little old courtyard (5)
- 24 Burning books etc? (3)