



ACROSS

- 1/5 Clergyman taking English dogs in shops etc. (6,6)
- 8 Tale Oscar spins – it goes from story to story (9)
- 9 Animal head overlooked by one making ceramics (5)
- 11 Sailor avoiding café's opening (4)
- 12 Argument with new boss that's interrupted by absent-mindedness (5,5)
- 13 Short marine dancing with a Royal Marine – like this? (3-2-3)
- 15 Cancel article to be removed from yearbook (5)
- 17 Bird with covered head? (5)
- 19 Life doesn't need one, though one could be life (8)
- 22 What might be a misleading story? Marine creature in river might (5,5)
- 23 Unknown author getting a rejection from Larousse (4)
- 25 Goes to remove front and part of roof (5)
- 26 Still working, having received a bit (2,7)
- 27/28 Power given to king, new, in thrall to unusually energetic member of royal family (6)

DOWN

- 2 Former partner's quiet type, suppressing one shout (7)
- 3 Collaborator's friendly, not wanting power (4)
- 4 Transformed reality's about right in books? (8)
- 5 Side's initial slow progress – it's difficult to interpret (6)
- 6 Breakfast item upset worker after one's tucked in (9)
- 7 Money actually spent rejected by performer (7)
- 8 Charge for hypnotist's show? (8-3)
- 10 Sport? It's nearly on in broadcast (5,6)
- 14 Nobody will fill in this answer (3-6)
- 16 Snipe's wings attracting bowman or other hunter (8)
- 18 China taking on state business (7)
- 20 What's new? A new sharp fabric (7)
- 21 Location in which you'll find one fish (6)
- 24 Security man turned up to eject article – cannabis? (4)