

ACROSS

- 1 Lightweight cover in drapery material used in dangerous sport (4-7)
- 7 Give knighthood to US pal who's returned (3)
- 9 Electricity supply is bad? These help with wind-power! (9)
- 10 Deter pests, say, using some more pellets (5)
- 11 Siren twice ending in death, possibly – descriptive of Lorelei? (7)
- 12 Legendary evil figure inspiring additional fear, we hear (7)
- 13 Like ripples from dropping stone in cracked container without a small amount going outside (10)
- 16 What crook may do to avoid imprisonment in notorious prison? Not half (4)
- 18 Notice damage before end of work (4)
- 19 Head of Metro is to study Tube crime? (10)
- 22 Crown? Something very nice, we hear, given to old Prince (7)
- 23 Boat's company long to enter competition (7)
- 25 Pleasant-sounding musical movements (5)
- 26 Seems pint is drunk – hence glass exhibits this? (9)
- 27 Spanish car plate has number reversed for a long time (3)
- 28 I will get involved with a dark Greek philosopher (11)

DOWN

- 1 Where one lives (being well-off, mostly) on an epic scale (7)
- 2 Beak imprisons one causing a racket (5)
- 3 A bit of glue being stuck on cracked Spode is discussed informally (8)
- 4 One hard man coming up from Dublin? (5)
- 5 Wakeful person at home, as madman's abandoned asylum, initially (9)
- 6/7 French actor I regarded a prude (mistakenly) (6,9)
- 8 Animal supplying ox-tail? (7)
- 14 European national never wearing slacks (9)
- 15 What sounds like story with quiet ending? (9)
- 17 Ronald, rising in pain, may be grunting (8)
- 18 Painter almost failed to embrace art? Not right (7)
- 20 Pudding upset, getting covered with hairs (7)
- 21 About to enter bet, mostly in a period of luck (6)
- 23 Playwright, Czechs' leader, to imitate King (5)
- 24 Heads of Communist hierarchy employed knowledgeable agents – these? (5)