



ACROSS

- 1 Simplified house – official one's covered in lead (6)
- 5 Iron tracks suitable for Skimbleshanks? (6)
- 8 Offerer of tips: 'A resort will have sweetheart coming back' (9)
- 9 Composer to hold attention without piano, say (5)
- 11 Island's number amongst the largest, in brief (4)
- 12 All's aflutter in female set with appearance of gang member (5,5)
- 13 Wave's mostly inappropriate with delay (8)
- 15 Lightweight showing resilience after head's zapped (5)
- 17 Student enthralled by French singer (exotic dish) (5)
- 19 Payment received after game finishes early in part of England (8)
- 22 Asian native behind Gulf concealing diamonds from old African country (10)
- 23 Coach mostly involving men (4)
- 25 Instruct chess body to back unknown (5)
- 26 Preserve horse transfixed by disease, removing tail (9)
- 27 Get rid of bad service in performance? Not entirely (6)
- 28 Inscrutable figure manipulated information about hard times (6)

DOWN

- 2 One writer in debt matured (7)
- 3 Offer a choice – e.g. in terms of frock? (4)
- 4 Beat up about hotel resident ignoring special bread (8)
- 5 Anglo-Swiss painter to join heads of Literary Institute (6)
- 6 Boats record cold water on sea trips (3-6)
- 7 Woodworking tool to look bad? Good when held by sister (4,3)
- 8 There'll be uproar with metal failing here! (6,5)
- 10 Bird alleged gone after struggle (6,5)
- 14 Story about one abandoning spirited Liberal behaviour (9)
- 16 Article on stage performer not about missing finale in such venues (8)
- 18 Ultimately magical view involving connection, endless spiritual connection? (3,4)
- 20 On the move? Trek ending early in pub (2,5)
- 21 Hopelessness one encountered in a city in Alaska (6)
- 24 Be credible with the evidence of arson? (4)