



## Across

- 7 Difficulty about league team's weak point (5,4)
- 8 Erotic art lacking heart – endlessly boring instead (5)
- 10 Waste a little drink (most of beer) (5)
- 11 Old instrument, strange, with tips of metal hooks enclosed in metal band (9)
- 12 Franchise ultimately precedes a roll etc possibly described thus? (9)
- 13 Vessel mostly filled with American food (5)
- 15 Soil shortage (no depth) (5)
- 17 Hands back farthing with disdainful response (5)
- 21 Couple done over after clipping wings of little baby bird (5)
- 23 Shock broadcast of story without foundation doing for security expert (9)
- 25 Spies attending opening of play after tense note from strategist (9)
- 27 Forbidding European filth (5)
- 28 Big animal runs hard into no end of forest (5)
- 29 Large quantity, on being swallowed by cattle, produces much explosive power (9)

## Down

- 1 Heroine of novel, literary – what will author do about the French name? (6,4)
- 2 One reveres union agreement subsequently (8)
- 3 Hard problem? Heading off to fiddle (6)
- 4 Quits ale, changing – to these? (8)
- 5 Priests inviting millions in for harvest festival (6)
- 6 Regret picking up old coin (4)
- 7 Servant's a busy fellow, sending son packing (6)
- 9 Reasonable numbers seen around in rising sport (6)
- 14 Fun etc. is, if organised, ample (10)
- 16 Endless twist about drop in European capital (8)
- 18 I note attractions providing more thoughtful pieces of information (8)
- 19 Hero of series to wander aimlessly (6)
- 20 Lead programme finally involving garden goddess (6)
- 22 Carefully adapt shadow military force (6)
- 24 Light punishment restricting originators of dodgy loans (6)
- 26 Film speed (4)