



ACROSS

- 1 Put one in support with one in operation (8)
- 5 Church leaders and associates of Arab bishops (6)
- 9 Blocking what bad teams are good at in competition (7,2)
- 11 Good leader of men retrieved flag (5)
- 12 Call for thanks in return for business (6)
- 13 Time of fasting is broken by large vegetarian meal for one (7)
- 15 Hand in notice, accepting gallery's responsibility is sensitive (6-7)
- 17 Swimmer's agent keeping, for instance, time in period of little action (13)
- 21 Little devil didn't tell the truth as suggested (7)
- 22 Born double-jointed and sprightly (6)
- 25 Work hard to join branch (5)
- 26 Licensed agent returned wearing gloves? (9)
- 27 Fancy term used to address someone in legal document that's 16? (6)
- 28 Superior was in first position after girl initially ran (8)

DOWN

- 1 Crowded ship finally reorganised a deck (6)
- 2 Show off piano in catalogue (5)
- 3 ESP lacking in training (7)
- 4 Drunken revelry our guy attended without us? (4)
- 6 Load of bullets distributed in a basic compound (7)
- 7 Counsel backed gentleman taking part in trade deal (9)
- 8 Save time in treatment of disease (3,5)
- 10 Fish sauce served up with leafy vegetable (8)
- 14 Seems deranged fool, not all there, made a mistake (6,2)
- 15 The one inside covers players (9)
- 16 Notice about card game should be shortened (8)
- 18 Pressure admitted by model person responsible for a dishonourable discharge? (7)
- 19 Royal with internal injury that's exhausting (7)
- 20 Looked after temperature all over (6)
- 23 Get numbers together to say something briefly (5)
- 24 Public transport shortened walk in New Zealand (4)