

ACROSS

- 9 Alternative to saloon, having servery at rear (9)
- 10 Incomplete job, a matter for a president (5)
- 11 Rushed back with speed to give an account (7)
- 12 Sack attendant bad at heart (7)
- 13 Tea staved off ruin (9)
- 16 Unable to cope away from land (2,3)
- 17 Madly insecure about suggestion of doubts (13)
- 20 Runs round with note for the carer (5)
- 21 Foreign gent led EC but was ignored (9)
- 24 Female bird, one seen in meadow (7)
- 25 Rower doesn't have quite enough room (7)
- 27 Cut off second outgrowth (5)
- 28 Go out with cart back to enclosed area (9)

DOWN

- 1 Complained about being plied with Chardonnay, we were told (6)
- 2 Be the main actor when rodents return (4)
- 3 Doesn't play by the rules in 100 contests (6)
- 4 Wind is getting up in the lagoon (4)
- 5 Being captain, perform shanty about fish (10)
- 6 Aristocratic subject: boxing (5,3)
- 7 Man's heart's broken resulting in torment (10)
- 8 Idolater, a little bit on the side! (7)
- 14 Venetian or differing worship (10)
- 15 Those present at 22:00 do the foxtrot? (10)
- 18 Choosing questionable client, eg (8)

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- 19 Therapist has an article on a composer, reportedly (7)
- 22 Compare each question using all three exams for starters (6)
- 23 Poke fun at the German fish (6)
- 25 Almost certain to include old bitter (4)
- 26 Flea troubled page (4)