

ACROSS

- 1 Designer, all at sea, to halve Antarctic shift (5,9)
- 9 Marriage association? (5)
- 10 Bird on some hilltop (9)
- 11 Uplift by dancing veleta with energy (7)
- 12 Least distant eastern trip (7)
- 13 Hearing episode will unsettle (4)
- 14 The piano I transported from Africa (9)
- 18 Bore carried around real problems (9)
- 20 First of the athletes pass extended finishing line (4)
- 22 Met punk, perhaps, looking rough (7)
- 25 Unpaid, a struggling RU team (7)
- 26 Pork skin fantastic absorbing drop of lemon (9)
- 27 Incompetent, in record time (5)
- 28 Dutch general, an outcast, isn't chuckling at the time (6,8)

DOWN

- 1 In China, use aspirin for queasiness (6)
- 2 In evil love letters from messaging service (9)
- 3 Descent by rope over a period (7)
- 4 Act for Royal Engineers here (9)
- 5 Feather only protects flyer (5)
- 6 High wind ripped apart a function (7)
- 7 Elite group hides in Minorca, dreadfully (5)
- 8 Having a break while the others mix gin (7)
- 15 Shrub hopefully emptied before a garden makeover (9)
- 16 Some simple men taught others to use a tool (9)
- 17 Loyal chants broadcast around university (7)

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- 19 Dish maker in trouble (7)
- 20 Mockery of seating arrangement (7)
- 21 Author of a TV script listens to correct run (6)
- 23 It's fine to return in the manner of a marsupial (5)
- 24 A fraction behind the runner-up (5)