

**ACROSS**

- 1 Hypocritical rule coupled with ensign (6,8)
- 9 Unhappy I'm returning to king (5)
- 10 Snowdrop seen in the fall? (9)
- 11 Wandering man accepted deserter (7)
- 12 Rep more unlikely to be ruler (7)
- 13 Brave bloke captured by another one (4)
- 14 Incur PAYE adjustment, concerning money (9)
- 18 Hundred Russians around wild flower (9)
- 20 Show cleaning product (4)
- 22 Strangely silent about son who joins the forces (7)
- 25 Eve rang round for righter of wrongs (7)
- 26 Rip up root to make fragrant petals (3-6)
- 27 Ski slope where pet is scrambling (5)
- 28 A re-entry plan, it fails between Earth and Mars, perhaps (14)

**DOWN**

- 1 Block enclosure to make moist (6)
- 2 A new, ruder variety of clothing (9)
- 3 Just look at those shuffling inside small kingdom (7)
- 4 The main pictures? (9)
- 5 A puzzle to astonish (5)
- 6 Notice dad in study, poker-faced (7)
- 7 Come back about mongrel (5)
- 8 Bert, say, unfortunately breaks faith (7)
- 15 Acting partner in charge of a Central American country (5,4)
- 16 A leg Asian twisted, but with absence of pain (9)
- 17 Dishevelled punk met crook (7)
- 19 Coastal batting support (7)

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- 20 Expensive, the French spire (7)
- 21 Look up in outskirts of city that's eerie (6)
- 23 Student at university not heading north to Bedfordshire town (5)
- 24 Drink interrupted by year of mawkishness (5)