

## ACROSS

- 1 Great ball includes a cake excess (14)
- 9 Bay entered the wrong way round? (5)
- 10 Potholer moves, following November, to where Santa lives (5,4)
- 11 Untwist some of the leprechaun's crewel yarn (7)
- 12 Shorten a spanner? (7)
- 13 Cross when family loses leader (4)
- 14 A lot of dollars to vilify every trick (5,4)
- 18 Another free article about to split votes (9)
- 20 Slope making pram unsteady (4)
- 22 Aztec, he longs to keep level (7)
- 25 Country south-east nation almost destroyed (7)
- 26 No time for wayward egocentric caretaker (9)
- 27 Steals instruments by the sound of it (5)
- 28 And benefits Mrs Twist with dog (4,4,6)

## DOWN

- 1 Backward students make a mistake (4,2)
- 2 Finish quickly when shiny finish has been removed (6,3)
- 3 Gave up work and went to bed (7)
- 4 Group's vehicle many are keen to jump on (9)
- 5 Girl who's not quite natural (5)
- 6 Stuck with zany redhead (7)
- 7 Notes sound of several strands (5)
- 8 Once again considers, and pays to get back (7)
- 15 Lowering of a shop floor (9)
- 16 Spilling Moselle on fish (5,4)
- 17 Pressing need for rebellion, but not in south (7)

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- 19 Improves right friends (7)
- 20 Baby's toy and king snake (7)
- 21 Increased returns in the trades I arranged (6)
- 23 Party-goer has sodium dye (5)
- 24 Scandinavian governor settled in (5)