

ACROSS

- 9 Sheepishly like a dwarf? (9)
10 Name a consumer said (5)
11 Make out Cinder's undergoing transformation (7)
12 Returning once more with artist to river (7)
13 Rush is healthy plant (9)
16 Run away to marry in novel opening (5)
17 Army officer Colonel PA Carr, dishevelled (5,8)
20 Biscuit Errol regularly made cooler (5)
21 We, with initial excitement, plan an ambush (3,2,4)
24 Girl taking staple food is deadly sin (7)
25 To push in to club takes craft (7)
27 Entering home, gallant Greek character (5)
28 Clutch found in lookout platform? (5-4)

DOWN

- 1 They help to house first of baby bears (6)
2 Snakes as an afterthought (4)
3 A meadow at a distance (6)
4 Family coming from a Gaelic land (4)
5 On the whole danger ably averted (2,3,5)
6 Yes, German and the French open up pepper (8)
7 Fix girl swallowing drink, mixed drink (4,6)
8 Left act with Dave performing (7)
14 Got rid of haphazardly at a decider (10)
15 The great merit when addressing an ambassador (10)
18 Jumper and cigar repackaged (8)
19 Select an entrance, say, for one in the ring (7)

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- 22 Most pleasant one caught in cosy place (6)
23 Agreement to take in during trial (6)
25 Heathland back-space? (4)
26 Guinness for a smart person! (4)