

**ACROSS**

- 9 At some outing, pub in St Paul's surroundings (9)  
 10 Shakespeare character receives signal, it's said (5)  
 11 Be wound round but not subdued (7)  
 12 Lay gold ribbon, initially around china (7)  
 13 Lower layers of a cake returned after payments (9)  
 16 Corroded under silver stone (5)  
 17 Crude dry run, go ahead with improvements (5,3,5)  
 20 Abolish article from annual (5)  
 21 Dissenter's abnormal fatigue (9)  
 24 Animal, European, in more colourful surroundings (3,4)  
 25 Speak publicly of medical treatment (7)  
 27 Somewhat self-indulgent, like a pixie (5)  
 28 Fresh delivery for someone from the Big Apple (3,6)

**DOWN**

- 1 Foreign affairs? (6)  
 2 Rudely ignore return of cakes (4)  
 3 Hole contained tiny retreating lapwing (6)  
 4 Winner's medal left in Mars, say (4)  
 5 Alan dreams about amphibian (10)  
 6 Shell makes vehicle go quickly (8)  
 7 Team burden not astride a horse (4-6)  
 8 Flattering talk Fred's friend left in (7)  
 14 Fed up with beng toasted? (7,3)  
 15 Mathematician's ruling at an assembly (4,6)  
 18 Vessels carrying volumes of water round the east (8)  
 19 Warship liable to be quarantined? (7)

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22 GP finds small court inside entrance (6)

23 75 per cent of Mexican hat is dark (6)

25 Woman seen at the break of day? (4)

26 Seabird goes up and comes down with more (4)