

ACROSS

- 9 Traditional group in charge with a learner (9)
- 10 Revealed soldiers over the top (5)
- 11 Engaging bar chatter spreads (7)
- 12 Scrap with funny men in spout (7)
- 13 Captivates on the ways in (9)
- 16 Number three is out (5)
- 17 Politician, proper eastern one in church (5,8)
- 20 Alice's other name (5)
- 21 Non-stop flight? (9)
- 24 Nacre is crushed to make poison (7)
- 25 Almost look up to Capone as commander (7)
- 27 Quietens many with charitable gifts (5)
- 28 A hit tune performed before a hundred – it's the real thing (9)

DOWN

- 1 Mark left on church seldom seen (6)
- 2 Ran out of authorisation for growth (4)
- 3 A misspelling in maths brings complaint (6)
- 4 Singing style of back to front musical (4)
- 5 Interpretation of ocular isn't out of earshot (10)
- 6 Class not so much without shape (8)
- 7 Affection for email add-on! (10)
- 8 Initially like recent changes to reading desk (7)
- 14 Tries yells out without exhausting oneself (10)
- 15 Advertisement with ceramic mole endlessly broadcast (10)
- 18 Signify head will display a miserly quality (8)
- 19 Etch from the beginning? (7)
- 22 Permitted little devil to come in for shellfish (6)
- 23 Slicer cut up heirlooms (6)
- 25 Soldier, one in opposition (4)
- 26 Nonsense written on a duty list (4)

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