

**ACROSS**

- 1 Buy thatch there, perhaps, to end a dispute (4,3,7)
- 9 Doctor has baby to clear away (3,2)
- 10 Finished push for high level of activity (9)
- 11 Care about mature area of land (7)
- 12 Empty day with unpleasant family line (7)
- 13 Phone in to your local library (4)
- 14 Worship the present-day speech (9)
- 18 Item of confectionery created by twee teams (9)
- 20 Place to eat during Corsica festival (4)
- 22 Improves right friends (7)
- 25 For every smoke there's fragrance (7)
- 26 Some intoxicant one serves with a particular kind of Chinese food (9)
- 27 Metal, for example, turning up colour (5)
- 28 Render bib out of place in roast bird (5,9)

**DOWN**

- 1 Complain about starters of evening meals offered in bar (6)
- 2 Engineer left on board with time for journalistic writing (9)
- 3 A pilot's unfurled the sheet (7)
- 4 Formerly one to charge, but free from blame (9)
- 5 Alter the last word (final letter in screed) (5)
- 6 Cold city to almost kill outstanding passage (7)
- 7 Point to images and long stories (5)
- 8 Destroy Nigel by rejecting as false (7)
- 15 Extended spout, perhaps, by study (9)
- 16 In fun laze around, but causes illness (9)

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- 17 This roc bothered another bird (7)
- 19 Voyage to get crude oil, creating capital (7)
- 20 Keeper of dog on a hill (7)
- 21 Most recent two points plus a third (6)
- 23 Slow or fast time – zero (5)
- 24 Box concealing eastern weapon (5)