

ACROSS

- 1 Secret local mess after hearing couple neck-and-neck (3,5,2,4)
- 9 Some whip-round idiot opened (5)
- 10 Restored confidence, while certain to be in the red (9)
- 11 Family member loses head with euphoria (7)
- 12 Circus bar causing snare at leisure, it's said (7)
- 13 Some cyst? Yes, it's a swelling (4)
- 14 Cut of steak is dish served when out of bed (9)
- 18 Risky hero travels Dales region (9)
- 20 A section of traffic, it yielded in town (4)
- 22 Nero, perhaps, turns salesman in Rome (7)
- 25 Part-exchange of French coach is outside (5-2)
- 26 Tending to hang on to teenier TV when repaired (9)
- 27 Name a consumer said (5)
- 28 To Winston, here's somehow significance (14)

DOWN

- 1 Start our errantry in this car (6)
- 2 Leonardo, eg, mixes red, almost (3,6)
- 3 Technophobe did damage inside instrument (7)
- 4 Green site relocated in Africa, it's plain (9)
- 5 Drink to a saint (5)
- 6 Downfall of rotter in legal action (7)
- 7 Big, but somewhat regular gemstones (5)
- 8 Stuck with zany redhead (7)
- 15 Way of dealing with medical care? (9)
- 16 Either son could be going up (2,3,4)
- 17 From memory, where the lungs are (2,5)



- 19 Saint called fourth-rate – weird! (7)
- 20 Bread man early in the morning? (7)
- 21 Relatives at home with rules (2-4)
- 23 A top spinning round one in courtyard (5)
- 24 Animal with one horn relocated (5)