ACROSS

- **1** Residential establishment embarking with many fish (8,6)
- 9 Pullover beyond a prize (5)
- 10 The late shift? (9)
- **11** Over the top maiden in former plant (7)
- **12** Leslie inside a long time is not becoming old (7)
- 13 Part of camera belongs to Leonard (4)
- 14 Liberal at exchange having two sides (9)
- 18 Vessel with ram AA can't repair (9)
- 20 Optimistic feeling of man retaining work (4)
- **22** Smooth-talking person, female singer holding arm (7)
- **25** At end of December we dine extravagantly, and drink this (3,4)
- 26 Kill time with alien, strangely enough (9)
- 27 Deliver a speech from the floor at eleven (5)
- 28 Glowing prophet's chosen badly (14)

DOWN

- 1 Bachelor did some gardening, but slowed down (6)
- 2 A section intended, it's said, to be flat (9)
- **3** Told to avoid jewels in fairground ride (7)
- 4 Outsider has almost nothing on arm (3-6)
- 5 Magi's enigmatic letter in Greek (5)
- 6 Those upset at position of responsibility (3,4)
- 7 Gas round the area (5)
- 8 Person inwardly breaking nose, pixie (7)
- **15** Organise a relay, run for about 354 days! (5,4)
- 16 Make copy of plate Eric smashed (9)
- 17 Cecil is removing winter spikes (7)

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- 19 Note tunes lack a series of personal accounts (7)
- 20 Terrible retreat, time lost for son (7)
- 21 Pole leaves enticed, turning to fraud (6)
- 23 Sect famished, but not fed (5)
- 24 Arrive at stretch of river (5)