

ACROSS

- 1 Gives a good reason for (9)
- 8 Animal's resting place (4)
- 9 Alertness (9)
- 10 Slab of peat (4)
- 13 Changes rung on bells (5)
- 16 Duckling's father (5)
- 17 Varieties (5)
- 18 White and wintry (5)
- 19 Start, beginning (5)
- 20 Premium Bonds selector (5)
- 21 Kitchen fixtures (5)
- 24 Skating area (4)
- 27 Republic in Central America (9)
- 28 Make less unpleasant (4)
- 29 Replica (9)

DOWN

- 2 Module (4)
- 3 Drudgery (4)
- 4 Marine distress signal (5)
- 5 Stand out, be the best (5)
- 6 Making a higher offer for a property than (9)
- 7 Skilled workers (9)
- 11 Suspended (legal proceedings) (9)
- 12 Degree of wrong (9)
- 13 Nuisances (5)
- 14 Cupped fruit of the oak (5)
- 15 Eyelid infections (5)
- 22 Majorca's neighbour (5)
- 23 British Romantic poet (5)
- 25 Tree on which dates are found (4)
- 26 Gas or coal, eg (4)

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