



Across

- 1 Very French. A licence to offend! (8) trespass (Offend - TRES (very, in French) + PASS (licence/allow))
- 6 Faced back to front without stimulation (6) decaff (Without stimulation/caffeine - Reversal of FACED + F (front))
- 9 Takeaway at tandoori cooked, but not on the outside (6) indoor (Not on the outside - Takeaway AT from TANDOORI* (anagram="cooked"))
- 10 Bets on inside horsemen (8) wagoners (Horsemen - WAGERS (bets) with ON inside)
- 11 8 Fish eating a fishy thing (9) lightning (Forks (of lightning) - LING (fish) around (eating) THING* (anagram="fishy"))
- 12 Keep in the family (5) house (Double definition - Keep/accomodate & Family/lineage)
- 14 Sexually adventurous, rotate device with 8 attached to the wheel (7) bicycle (Device with forks attaching the wheel - BI (sexually adventurous) + CYCLE (rotate))
- 15 8 differences (7) divides (Forks (splits in two) - differences/disagreements)
- 17 Bank job (7) angling (Cryptic definition - a job on a river bank)
- 19 Half-cake garnished with mixed spice and frozen toppings (7) icecaps (Frozen toppings (of mountains) - CA[ke] (half) inside (garnished with) SPICE* (anagram="mixed"))
- 22 Cane gum (5) stick (Double definition - cane/pole & gum/adhere)
- 24 Protester sacked over barn conversion (9) firebrand (Protester - FIRED (sacked) around BARN* (anagram="conversion"))
- 26 A colleague keeps unaltered the frequency of sending Xmas cards (8) annually (Frequency of sending Xmas cards is annually - AN ALLY (a colleague) around UN reversed (altered))
- 27 Worked in India and left converted (6) inlaid (Worked in - (INDIA and L)* (anagram="converted"))
- 28 Vitality of sixth sense is slowing down (6) esprit (Vitality - ESP (sixth sense) + RIT (ritardando - music term for slowing tempo))

29 Perhaps Scots long to be in France. Boring! (4,4)

pine tree (e.g. Scots Pine Tree - PINE (long) with ETRE ('to be' in French) inside (boring))

Down

2 An extraordinary performance... (9)

rendition (e.g. 'Extraordinary Rendition' - performance/presentation)

3 ... verily, thy solo dissembles (7)

soothly (Verily (Shakespearean) - (THY SOLO)* (anagram="dissembles"))

4 Secretive exciter died in theatre queue (10)

adrenaline (Exciter which is secreted - D (died) inside ARENA (theatre) + LINE (queue))

5 Blow the whistle about upsetting us and getting in stitches (6)

sewing (Getting in stitches - SING (blow the whistle) around EW (reversal of we/us))

6 8 rooms (4)

digs (Forks (gardening) - Rooms/lodgings)

7 Masked Mexican, no liker of Sicilian pastry (7)

cannoli (Sicilian pastry - Hidden word (masked) in [mexi]CAN NO LI[ker])

8 Relatives swapping sides in chess offensives (5)

forks (Chess attacking move - FOLKS swapping L for R (sides))

13 Directions treated with caution (10)

discretion (Caution - DIRECTIONS* (anagram="treated"))

16 First lady shelters the team, putting away pots and sweeping (9)

expansive (Sweeping - EVE (the first lady) around (sheltering) XI (football team/eleven), which is around (putting away) PANS (pots))

18 Varnish application of craquelure 70% complete (7)

lacquer (Varnish - CRAQUEL[ure]* (70% of the word, anagram="application of"))

20 Hotel cricketer partially erect with metal band (7)

circlet (Metal band - Raised (erect) section (partially) of [ho]TEL CRIC[keter])

21 Make spruce sheep housing. Staggering DIY! (4,2)

tidy up (Make spruce - TUP (sheep) around (housing) DIY* (anagram="staggering"))

23 8 ends set in motion (5)

tines (Fork's ends - SET IN* (anagram="motion"))

25 Arrange map location for story (4)

plot (Several definitions - Arrange/make plans + Map/mark position + Location/piece of ground + Story/plot line)