



### Across

- 8 Waste of pure alcohol (4)      urea (Waste - Hidden (of) inside [p]URE A {lcohol])
- 9 A clue to earth's suffering (10)      heartbreak (Suffering - A clue to "earth" could be anagram ("break") of HEART)
- 10 Department with money not grounded (6)      aerial (Not grounded (in the air) - AE (hospital department / A&E) + RIAL (money in Iran))
- 11 Formby's famous lean-to (8)      lamppost (Cryptic definition - [George] Formby was leaning on a lamppost in his song)
- 12 Competition with no opportunity to score (4)      open (Competition (e.g. golf) - O (zero/no) + PEN (penalty/opportunity to score))
- 13 Annoyed by colliery band feature (7,3)      brassed off (Annoyed - Feature (film) about a colliery band)
- 16 Asian city rave disturbed port (2,5)      Le Havre (Port (in France) - LEH (Asian city in Kashmir) + RAVE\* (anagram="disturbed"))
- 17 Bar in choirboy cottage (7)      boycott (Bar - Hidden (in) [choir]BOY COTT[age])
- 20 But german air returns with consideration (10)      thoughtful (With consideration - THOUGH (but) + reversal of LUFT (German word for air))
- 22 Want first couple of next edition (4)      need (Want - First couple of (letters of) NE[xt] ED[ition])
- 23 Driver in motor team (4,4)      golf club (Driver - GOLF (motor car) + CLUB (team))
- 26 Fairly odd, and you're sounding old and dirty (6)      filthy (Dirty - Odd letters of F[a]I[r]L[y] + THY (your in old English))
- 27 Boat slip (10)      hydroplane (Double definition)
- 28 Rail company to return (4)      coot (Rail (bird) - CO (company) + reversal (return) of TO)

### Down

- 1 Uncensored way to harden fruit? (4,6)      free speech (Uncensored - way to "freeze peach" as spoken (?))
- 2 Chained a drunk to a villa (8)      hacienda (Villa - CHAINED A\* (anagram="drunk"))

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| <b>3</b> Was scolded over long bed, say, at the beginning (10) | childbirth (The beginning (of life) - CHID (was scolded) around (over) L (long) + BIRTH (homophone of berth/bed)) |
| <b>4</b> Present gold painting (7)                             | tableau (Painting - TABLE (present/verb) + AU (gold chemical symbol))   |
| <b>5</b> Team-up in cell (4)                                   | stem ((type of) cell - Reversal (up) of METS (Baseball team))   |
| <b>6</b> Stand-up to work in smut (6)                          | tripod (Stand - Reversal (up) of OP (work) inside DIRT (smut))  |
| <b>7</b> Small girl going up and down (4)                      | lass (Small girl - S (Small) + SAL (girls name) written up and LASS (small girl) read down)                       |
| <b>14</b> Jack chases supermarket's stocktaker? (10)           | shoplifter (Stocktaker / a taker of stock - LIFTER (car jack) after (chases) SHOP (supermarket))                  |
| <b>15</b> Result of labour of plump woman and criminal (10)    | fatherhood (Result of labour (for the dad) - FAT (plump) + HER (woman) + HOOD (gangster/criminal))                |
| <b>18</b> Gripe about extreme right starting to fight (8)      | conflict (Fight - COLIC (gripe) around NF (National Front/extreme right) + T[o] (starting letter))                |
| <b>19</b> Unusual way to kill time (7)                         | offbeat (Unusual way - OFF (kill) + BEAT (time))  |
| <b>21</b> Open to kinky fun on website (6)                     | unfurl (Open - FUN* (anagram="kinky") + URL (website))  |
| <b>24</b> Ordinary city unknown to rock (4)                    | onyx (Rock - O (ordinary) + NY (city/New York) + X (unknown/in maths))  |
| <b>25</b> Bound to pole roughly (4)                            | lope (Bound - POLE* (anagram="roughly"))  |