

**Across**

- 1 South African party in rented accommodation. Sharp! (6)
- 5 The state of the river? Awful. Yuck! (8)
- 9 Monster, he has another stroke? (8)
- 10 Edge into party with tie (4-2)
- 11 A woman's phone has a lump (5,5)
- 12 Archer's chronicle (4)
- 13 The odds Scotsman is a player (8)
- 16 Learn about rear end strapping (6)
- 17 Mark pet (6)
- 19 Back seat driver had furious tiz with biker (8)
- 21 We pay for responsibility (4)
- 22 "Swallows and Amazons" is lacking e-crime (10)
- 25 Pin heard to raise (6)
- 26 Meandering estuary around river bank (8)

- 27 Chasm Nemo nicely submerged from memory (8)
- 28 Take care of network after knock-back (6)

Down

- 2 Inserting disc into dual display is not quiet (5)
- 3 Best band (5)
- 4 I'm paint spraying a set of instruments (7)
- 5 Leader of family notification cycling (7)
- 6 Middle America lead by wicked uncle (7)
- 7 Investment in one belief (4,5)
- 8 Familiarity of King's Knighttaking advantage and grabbing hooter (9)
- 14 What West End shows want is a crime (3-3-3)
- 15 Extreme weather affected towns in the South (or Maidenhead) (9)
- 18 Cheer-up with head taken in to clay (7)
- 19 Lively old cows followed by a jerk (7)
- 20 Trickle into back-bar for sesh (5-2)
- 23 In stores I was held back getting more sage (5)
- 24 Do it again on exercise (5)