



### Across

- 8 One on steroids can squeeze fruit (6)      juicer ( Double definition - A juicer is an athlete who uses steroids)
- 9 Sweating about squabble? Say why in a call (8)      worrying (Sweating - Reversal (about) of ROW (squabble) + Y (Say 'why') in RING (call) )
- 10 To say the leader is not married is disobedience (8)      mischief (Disobedience - Homophone (to say) of MISS CHIEF (an unmarried leader))
- 11 Breeding ground for angry plot (6)      hotbed (Breeding ground - HOT (angry) + BED (plot, in garden) )
- 12 Ringing about doing word (6)      reverb (Ringing - RE (about) + VERB (a 'doing' word))
- 13 Large area somewhere between molehill and massif (8)      landmass (Large area - Hidden word (somewhere between) in [molehil]L AND MASS[if])
- 14 The salt shaker is hard to find (7)      stealth (Hard to find - Anagram (shaker) of THE SALT)
- 16 Teach old money in Euros (7)      educate (Teach - DUCAT (old money) in EE (Euros))
- 20 A plate holding my French scold (8)      admonish (Scold - A + DISH (plate) holding MON (my, in French) )
- 23 I say! (2,4)      my word (Similar expression - 'My word' is what 'I say')
- 25 One side (6)      united (Double definition - (as) one & (football) side)
- 26 Most push back then riot erupted, with an orderly finish (8)      majority (Most - Reversal (back) of JAM (push) + RIOT\* (Anagram=erupted) + [orderl]Y (finishing letter))
- 27 Funny policeman at the top of the arch (8)      keystone ((Stone) at the top of the arch - Keystone Cops were Funny Policemen in early 20thC films)
- 28 Proclaimer heard performing around Leith first (6)      herald (Proclaimer - HEARD\* (Anagram=performing) around L[eith] (first letter))

## Down

- 1 Coin in smallest essential (8) rudiment (Essential - DIME (coin) in RUNT (smallest))
- 2 Eavesdrop at Christmas? (6) icicle (Cryptic definition - icicles dropping from the eaves)
- 3 Flying fox has raw lard for Spooner (5,3) fruit bat (Flying fox - Spoonerism of BRUTE (raw) FAT (lard))
- 4 Quick, like a satirist! (7) swiftly (Quick - like a satirist could be (Jonathan) Swift-ly)
- 5 Abandon Chinese after expert turns round (6) orphan (Abandon - HAN (Chinese) after reversal (turns round) of PRO (expert))
- 6 Widespread city mess (8) systemic (Widespread - Anagram (widespread doing double duty) of CITY MESS)
- 7 If not, more? (6) unless (If not - cryptically more is the opposite (un) of "less")
- 15 Religion? I give up. Flowers decorating inconclusive heavenly body (8) apostasy (Religion? I give up - A POSY (Flowers) around (decorating) STA[r] (inconclusive heavenly body))
- 17 Jug or Jo possibly? (8) demijohn (Jug - Jo is half (demi) of John )
- 18 Singer with the fifth advanced to kill (8) throttle (Kill - THROSTLE (Singer) with the fifth (letter) advanced (from S to T))
- 19 Moan about each impulse (7) whimper (Moan - Swap (about) PER (each) and WHIM (impulse))
- 21 Wine's gone up, it's about pub grub (6) dinner (Grub/food - Reversal (gone up) of RED (wine) around (it's about) INN (pub))
- 22 Under cover of inverted cross and contribution (6) indoor (Under cover / inside - Reversal of (inverted) ROOD (cross) + NI (contribution, National Insurance))
- 24 Army paper's with carry-out (3,3) war cry ((Salvation) Army paper - W (with) + CARRY\* (Anagram=out) )