



**Across**

- 8 I don't understand - it's like doh! (6,2)
- 9 Three river alarm. (6)
- 10 Nickname? (6)
- 11 A Christian rebel. (8)
- 12 Note about African country's austerity. (10)
- 14 Parking place drama. (4)
- 15 Part payment. (7)
- 17 He's in control of small fish. (7)
- 20 Drops of rain? (4)
- 22 How and why the horse won the race? (10)
- 24 Dreary supermarket jester. (8)
- 25 Thrives - loses heart - still thrives. (6)
- 26 Ink in pen's like pen and ink. (6)
- 27 Paint hides and waterproofs. (8)

**Down**

- 1 Alpine he's not, alpine he could be, alpine he is. (6)
- 2 In an uncontrolled state, my word is broken. (8)
- 3 Cut increases we're told. (4)
- 4 A dimmer switch swimmer. (7)
- 5 Cater for a 'boxer'. (5,5)
- 6 Vegetable pi. (6)
- 7 Foster a confused teenager. (8)
- 13 Second half of an eighth (4,6)
- 16 Cord speed wound. (8)
- 18 Homes around the waterfront for horses. (8)
- 19 These sort of smokies are not from Arbroath. (7)
- 21 The do little least nothing effect. (6)

- 23 Determined to have a coat for the winter. (6)
- 25 Able to make a packet. (4)