



**Across**

- 1 See 18
- 4 Given I'm separated... (8)
- 9 ...rest of set's a little less than kin (6)
- 10 Adopting donkey, you heard, leads to unpleasant smell (8)
- 12 Begin lidless pastry (4)
- 13 Moments of unfairness come in 99s only? (10)
- 15 Serious Australian soldiers are the ones who bury the dead (12)
- 18/1 Give up clinging to confuted senses, broken man (12,2,4)

- 21 Points in the wrong direction and so instructs players badly (10)
- 22 Hamlet and Gertrude utterly ruined (4)
- 24 Act or fix in place - you're utterly dead when compared to this (8)
- 25 Orange County antelope controversially labelled sea creatures (6)
- 26 Came to, absolutely wrecked (8)
- 27 "Seen" is unreliable - something for cryptozoologists to look out for (6)

**Down**

- 1 Rotten state finally getting to replace tyrannical leader, but not in public (8)
- 2 In amateur production, arras pulled up to reveal chaos (8)
- 3 Lacking time, set course for soothsayer (4)
- 5 Errors that might lead to 13 (12)
- 6 False woman led true ass to fall apart (10)
- 7 Jerk the crone from Yorkshire? (6)
- 8 Archaeological investigation on French is producing break down (6)
- 11 An odd reign in

first century Yemen after dispatching first and last old rulers (6,6)

- 14 To "confused" I allude, son! (10)
- 16 Among footballers, tailless rodent's notorious (8)
- 17 Screen teachers first, before you get "Two thirds of eleven is about 2.72" (8)
- 19 In the middle of a fog, around the first of December (6)
- 20 Hired company, arranging to rescue all but the last couple (6)
- 23 Gradually, corruption heads southeast, reveals test (4)