

Centenaries by Alchemi

People appearing in the grid would have celebrated their hundredth birthdays this year

Across

- 1** St Paul worried after Felix gets weapons (9)
- 6** Be in debt to Poles for Olympian (5)
- 9** Van corrupted with rust is a moon rocket? (6,1)
- 10** Source of tapioca found in Africa's savannah (7)
- 11** Chopping into little pieces, getting rid of the last of old decoration (5)
- 12** Karl has no trouble with person of enormous interest (4,5)
- 13** Take a holiday, somewhere near an Indian coastal state? (2,4)
- 15** Stupid little child takes Lee Evans initially for a journalist (8)
- 18** Transport expert living around Spain and Switzerland (8)
- 19** British king with time for German statesman (6)
- 22** New recruits somehow enticed us (9)
- 24** Expression of disbelief as new lover rubs out wounded owl (5)
- 26** Shot back-to-front rodents held in veneration (7)
- 27** Precedents seen in country backing on to California (4,3)

- 28** Tyneside street has small homes (5)
- 29** Actors going into the street, having resistance to another actor (9)
- Down**
- 1** Feature about America finally encouraging actor (7)
- 2** African king a long time dead is risen (5)
- 3** Soldier with chart for passage (9)
- 4** Astronomer's almost beautiful line (6)
- 5** Complicated acrostic about Greek bloke (8)

- 6** Expels Jack from mediaeval fights? (5)
- 7** Airline taking a trio of Americans home for battle (2,7)
- 8** Unfinished joint passed round by socially awkward manager (7)
- 14** Amusing stories of energetic dance breaking toes (9)
- 16** Stretch of water where breastfeeding is awkward without deft arrangement (6,3)
- 17** Tentatively entered hotel, taking exercise clothed in leotard initially (2,6)

- 18** Composer chewed over the end of "*Tannhäuser*" (7)
- 20** Gardener to propel boat through the river (7)
- 21** Tree is able to be a receptacle for rubbish (6)
- 23** Eccentric American writer (5)
- 25** Servant's beer time after five (5)

