

Alchemi 19 *by Alchemi*

Across

- 1** Sceptic questioning Aquinas (8,6)
- 8** Music or sculpture or tar? (3,4)
- 9** Desist when half of France is in control (7)
- 11** Shrek's family chew gorse (5)
- 12** Magazine showing Andrew's duchy in more modern surroundings (3,6)
- 13** 16 ends have computers and the like in play area (7)
- 15** Glance at backward establishment where Molesworth was taking drugs (4-3)
- 17** Age of Peter Alliss (3)

- 18** Passed exam easily, half-crazed after cheese, we hear (7)
- 19** Yell "Loose stones!" at companion (7)
- 21** Unfashionable? Fashionable? Just say what you mean! (3,4,2)
- 24** Artist finds taxi unavailable for return journey (5)
- 25** Hire dad to make film (3,4)
- 26** Cowell's back featuring knockout turn: Longfellow's grandmother (7)
- 27** Devious chatroom

plot by young leader for process of separation (14)

Down

- 1/18** Baron's old dog goes mad for rattan palm resin (7,5)
- 2** Saying total number in one (9)
- 3** Turned over fruit machine - nothing in it but hammers, saws and screwdrivers (5)
- 4** Slyly mention ad when put up for election (9)

5 Chucked over, reportedly (5)

6 Holmes's sign about common disease almost risqué (3-6)

7 Taken by surprise with one sort of 24A (5)

10 Former Turkish president rises showing steel (5)

14 Pie containing iodine and carbon to be plucked (9)

15 Parisian dance film gets filthy slang to a T (4,5)

16 Rough plan to pack

them out after *Eastenders* finishes (6,3)

18 See 1

20 Frankness of top cyclist curiously sent inside (7)

22 Alien ascends, confusing the canines (5)

23 Many-headed monster Hardy wrote about (5)

24 Pastry cook talking thirteen to the dozen (5)

