

Alchemi 227 by Alchemi

If Alchemi is still present, you can claim a drink off him if you can convince him you've spotted most of the ghost theme

Across

- 1** Small game pieces (6)
- 4** Spooner's courts to court battle (8)
- 10** One Tory turned by nationalist party? It's impossible! (2,3,2)
- 11** Plane possibly carrying a popular student (7)
- 12** Unlikely couples occasionally missing flower (4)
- 13** Seriously annoying American horse cartel that's against being put inside (10)
- 16** Unwillingly accustomed to body of less colour (6)
- 17** Take one companion across the street in Burton? (7)
- 20** In Madagascar, a vanishing group of nomads (7)
- 21** Jumper almost misses grand stomach opening (6)

- 24** Traced line unreliable as identification (10)
- 25** Catch some philandering (4)
- 27** Game official suppresses anger at youth quite a lot (7)
- 29** Pubs welcome sport this person almost completely destroyed (2,5)
- 30** Paper to cover shelter is in France very quickly indeed (8)
- 31** Predators getting reasonable return after emptying hostelry (6)

Down

- 1** Inventor's hideaway going under because energy drains away (8)
- 2** Again work out that crucial mistake involving electricity has one dropping dead (11)
- 3** Perhaps Floyd Patterson irritated North Korean leaders (4)
- 5** Traveller tears around with no papers (8)
- 6** Boss supports queen playing herself in film (10)
- 7** Network connecting city with the north (3)
- 8** Working journalist, for instance, gets up nervous (2,4)
- 9** Hacking business - it's disgusting! (5)
- 14** No IT aid arriving, most needing to go back for X-ray therapy (11)
- 15** Bored champion intended to erase a graffito (10)
- 18** Cheat sometimes hurts detective's sidekick (8)
- 19** Pernickety people's loud tot lives on hollowed-out turnips (8)
- 22** Shabby bloke regularly sick on a bird (6)
- 23** Statue in Florence finally captured on a YouTube clip? (5)
- 26** Horse has some work going over your head (4)
- 28** Old record label put pressure on you in the past (3)

