

Alchemi 25 *by Alchemi*

Across

1/5 I do my clever (not comedy) act with thermal underwear before one-legged character (4,4,6)

10 Fungus is clever and can be shaped (9)

11 Living before 5 is mercurial (5)

12 Set on becoming a racetrack after 5 (5)

13 Tit and other birds keep first eggs to be used for drying (3,6)

14 Let back in to study at American university (7)

16 Returning rodents get US award for bravery after 5 (4)

19 Cut legs back (4)

21/28 Northern eagle flies around often up on 5 (3,4,6)

24 Safe to eat before sorting out EU debt, say (3-2,4)

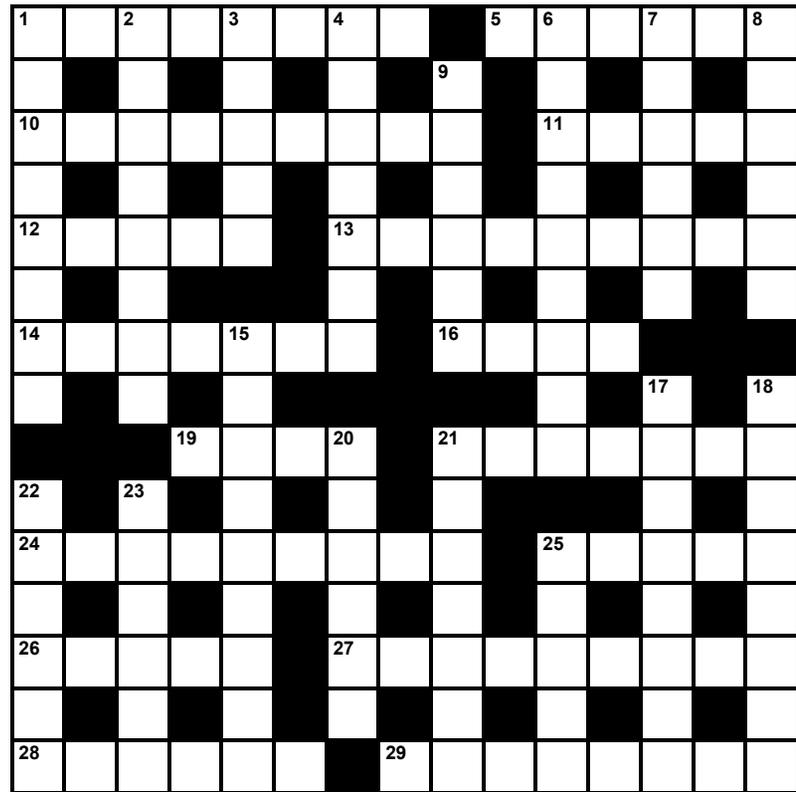
25 100 garish old rolls after 5 (5)

26 Thigh with iron spirit returning (5)

27 To summon transport, I chase about in the way of Italian Scot (4,1,4)

28 See 21

29 Girl sent crazy by pure 5 (8)



Down

1 Powerful beam over central Katmandu to unknown home for the devout (8)

2 It's to do with brain cells that Geordie gents lose one and get no replacement (8)

3 Law incorporates grey-head bencher (5)

4 Where animals live, see walls of hacienda oddly built and extremely ancient (7)

6 Setter taking note, give estimate about artist with too few people to meet (9)

7 Masked pair of desperadoes lie up after 5 (6)

8 Kill off half in reckless dashing (6)

9 Most energetic to begin with, rowdy lads get these coming second after 5 (6)

15 After a short time, marshal meets old actor under Malabar chestnut (5,4)

17 Coati pox virulent at South American volcano (8)

18 Making preparations to note one passing (8)

20 Constant chap, said to be wooden (6)

21 Felt hat knocked off where 21a 28's 5 did not race (3,4)

22 Facebook user possibly becomes superhero after 5 (6)

23 Almost relevant to alternative for nickel before 5 (6)

25 Children help Aslan into rough openings in Narnia book after the 5 (5)