



### Across

- 1 Arrogance initially shown by fellow becoming deputy churchwarden (8)
- 5 English missionary for instance taking last of gauze for Henri's shoulder (6)
- 9 Mother stifling an expression of surprise at government of Indian prince (8)
- 10 Little fellow seen after sheep pen collapsed (6)
- 11 Plant found in parks starts to unfold rosulate leaves surprisingly (8)
- 12 Cleaner working for mythical ferryman (6)
- 14 Tricky in France for princess if life coach's tip fails (9)
- 18 Secretary hit Laurie regularly with Earl's umbrella in Metz (9)
- 22 Article on party in Stormont essentially lacking any definite plan (6)
- 23 What it is for Monaco's defender at Bordeaux to be persistently plucky (4,4)
- 24 Book describing volunteers coming around with fruit in Montpellier (6)
- 25 He's touring Thailand with support from Daniel and Deborah for example (8)
- 26 Eastern sailor blocking road causes a delay in La Rochelle (6)
- 27 Mislaid lace is found by the queen on a staircase in Versailles (8)

### Down

- 1 Straightforward for Hollande's son to meet Independent politician on the outskirts of Lille (6)

- 2 Edouard's outside with hordes rioting (6)
- 3 Force small lock (6)
- 4 Our Jack and I had heard you twice by accident today in Nimes (10)
- 6 In favour of having a number of shops under the same ownership in Lens next (8)
- 7 End up worrying about Rex at home giving support (8)
- 8 Put at risk when exploding grenade catches head of nursery (8)
- 13 Subsequently getting dessert without charge (10)
- 15 Public speaker employing extremely persuasive symbol (8)
- 16 Right in retrospect to answer before American university's broadcast (8)
- 17 Nathalie's to bring dad around with a beer (8)
- 19 My work with Ivan oddly showing lack of foresight (6)
- 20 Not having changed to meet daughter one day in Paris (6)
- 21 Think of Proust as a writer originally raised around the Nice area (6)

**Across:** 1 Sidesman, 5 Épaule, 9 Maharaja, 10 Folded, 11 Larkspur, 12 Charon, 14 Difficile, 18 Parapluie, 22 Random, 23 Away game, 24 Tomate, 25 Prophets, 26 Retard, 27 Escalier.

**Down:** 1 Simple, 2 Dehors, 3 Stress, 4 Aujourd'hui, 6 Prochain, 7 Underpin, 8 Endanger, 13 Afterwards, 15 Operator, 16 Transmit, 17 Apporter, 19 Myopia, 20 Samedi, 21 Penser.

**Across:** 1 SIDE+S+MAN, 5 E+PAUL+E, 9 M(AHA+RAJ)A, 10 FOLD+ED, 11 (parks+url anag.), 12 CHAR+ON, 14 DI+FFICILE (if+life+c anag.), 18 PA+RAP+LUI+E, 22 R(AN+DO)M, 23 AWAY+GAME, 24 TOM(AT)E (TA rev.), 25 PROP+HE(T)S, 26 R(E+TAR)D, 27 ESCALI+ER (lace is anag.).

**Down:** 1 S+I+MP+LE, 2 (hordes anag.), 3 S+TRESS, 4 (Our+J+I+had+uu anag. with you homs.), 6 PRO+CHAIN, 7 UNDE(R)P+IN (end up anag.), 8 E(N)DANGER grenade anag.), 13 AFTER(WARD)S, 15 O(PE)RATOR, 16 TR+ANS+MIT (rt rev.), 17 AP+PORTER (pa rev.), 19 MY+OP+IA, 20 SAME+D+I, 21 PEN(SE)R.