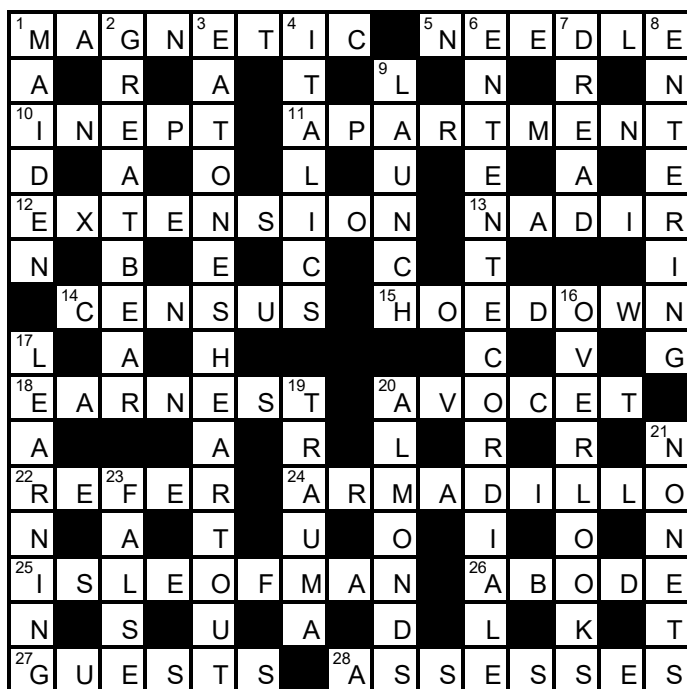


**Across**

- 1/5 Attractive director might end Magic Circle's torment (8,6)
- 10 Feeding alpine ptarmigan is awkward (5)
- 11 A role intended to be spoken flat? (9)
- 12 Lead former partner to anxiety (9)
- 13 Drain fractured at lowest point (5)
- 14 Saracens usually welcoming popular questions (6)
- 15 Scrape some feathers together for a dance (7)
- 18 Serious listener at home (7)
- 20 Elegant bird emerges from chaos in Eastenders film (6)
- 22 Mention desire to get rid of coppers (5)
- 24 Admiral at sea to look for American native (9)
- 25 Some final changes to place with endless cats (4,2,3)
- 26 Put up with 11? (5)
- 27 Estimate about time visitors will appear (6)
- 28 Evaluates female donkeys? (8)

Down

- 1 Decent first over (6)
- 2 Stars celebrated with Paddington? (5,4)
- 3 Long for another tease, perhaps (3,4,5,3)
- 4 *It's about Alice dropping English* (7)
- 6 Nation re-elected to create informal alliance (7,8)
- 7 Oddly darker and frightening (5)
- 8 Introducing key in G (8)
- 9 Push the boat out having a meal outside (6)
- 16 Forgets to watch bowling grips (9)
- 17 Apprentice warranting scholarship (8)
- 19 Amateur gives up drug supply in anguish (6)
- 20 Salmon initially demanded mixed nuts (7)
- 21 Groups suggest why fishermen might be struggling? (6)
- 23 Cornish river's heading east? Incorrect (5)