

**Across**

1 Pinot crisis? (8,5)  
 9 Plays with chestnuts to release pressure (9)  
 10 Beginners in Class One must talk English but count in French (5)  
 11 Arab returning shortly (5)  
 12 Retreating police succeeded in making arrest (4)  
 13 German exposed backside (4)  
 15 Claims poison apple was cooked inside (7)  
 17 Spurs' turnaround without Kane finally showing endurance (7)  
 18 Prisoner thrilled to get go-ahead (7)  
 20 C-word used in clean story (7)  
 21 Fantastic last season (4)  
 22 Fruit sounds spot-on (4)  
 23 Problem with thumb (5)  
 26 Prone to dishonesty (5)  
 27 Balkan bachelor becomes very unrefined person (9)  
 28 Youth served as cook for Mardi Gras (6,7)

**Down**

1 Play marbles at local Scottish retreat (8,6)  
 2 Walk-on bye? (5)  
 3 Pot reportedly stimulates flyers (10)  
 4 People discovered ordering non-British dustbins (7)  
 5 Publish former queen's announcements (7)  
 6 Move slowly in church (4)  
 7 Beat pilot in race against the clock (4,5)  
 8 Article in French newspaper's covering useful low-alcohol drink (8,6)  
 14 Reword Geronimo? (10)  
 16 How to resolve harsh draws? (9)  
 19 Old car allowed up in city (3,4)  
 20 Brown books Arthur's Seat (7)  
 24 Attempted to be heard (5)  
 25 Acacia garden includes seaweed product (4)