No theme or nina, just a chance to use some clue ideas that occurred to me recently. Some general knowledge is needed

## **ACROSS**

- **7** Dance in policeman's company (5)
- **8** Following cutback pitmen becoming inspectors (9)
- **9** Agency worker takes an age to get paint (7)
- **10** Do marines kill rodents? (7)
- **12** Main user devastated when deprived of drug somewhere in South America (7)
- **13** Bridge canal, perhaps, then start to define edges of towpath for width (7)
- **14** Trashing Spooner's microphone shortly results in reduction in volume (11)
- **19** Supporter's return collapse nothing! (4,3)
- 21 "Shifting shingle" could describe Sheringham beach but not Llandudno's? (7)
- **23** Pottery school disallowing own goal after time is frustrating (7)
- **25** That woman embracing European after prohibition is a wailer (7)
- **26** Reportedly steal fleece or something for cleaning ... (5,4)
- 27 ... in campus a general custom (5)

## **DOWN**

- **1** Miso mixed with rice, taking different forms (8)
- 2 New sailors, followers of fashion (6)
- **3** Kuznetsov's butterfly? (3,7)
- **4/18** No Brie? Tough! (4,6)
  - **5** Confused idler is a statesman (8)
  - **6** Pride ruffled about nothing. (6)
  - 7 Hate start of day on East River (6)
  - **11** Umberto embracing Henry's parrot (4)
  - **13** Game to enjoy before first couple from Etruria dance (10)
  - **15** Graeme, unkempt, outwardly lazy, is in a poor way (8)
  - **16** An ideal hotel complex it could go under the hammer ... (4-4)
  - 17 ... this month: partners needed to stop it (4)
  - **18** See 4
  - **20** Papageno, the author of 2 21 27? (6)
  - 22 Einstein, say, backing province over country? (6)
  - 24 Pack in 5 letters (4)

The solution and blog will be on Fifteensquared on Sunday from 11.00 am.



