

## Across

1 Way for good man to swallow cherry, perhaps. (6)
5 Give midget the short straw first after cutting two tiny amounts. (8)

9 Harlot shows top brass. (8)
10 See 24 Down
11 See 14 Down
12 Unwilling to omit fifty four letter word. (4)
13 Had an impact? Sending letter back in did! (8)
16 Strange rule left baffled spies. (6)
17 Thus country provides African. (6)
19 Jostle around one after very quiet year like a small dog. (8)

21 Twin caused endless trouble. (4)

22 Coiners and forgers of weapons for decapitation. (10)

25 Gloss over result. (6)
26 Demonstrated having died after exclamation of pain within the denouement. (8)
27 Beaters of facial hair. (8)
28 Bellringer echoes ten in chimes. (6)

## Down

2 God not in command of liner. (5)
3 Not the right project to emit. (5)

4 Composed hollow treaty and then cut currency. (7)
5 See 14

6 The poster, it reads: "Search throughout the country!" (7)
7 Completely round portion (in a well-rounded way). (9)
8 See 24
14/18/11/5D Even the wisest would avoid Afghanistan, whose old rulers tore free in revolution. (5,4,2,5,6,4,2,5)
15 Removes everything from gold mine, returning with three empty spades. (9)

## 18 See 14

19 Sherpas mince their words. (7)

20 Fit sample around arms. (7)
23 Finger power! (5)
24/8/10 Antithesis of $14 / 18 / 11 / 5 \mathrm{D}$. She is a twit; those holes need sorting! (2,3,9,2,4)

