



Across

- 1 Are these played by comedians? (5)
- 4 Composer scarcely in debt, it's said (7)
- 8 Creased tie can strangle ten: it's just wrong! (7)
- 9 Company absorbs communist philosophy (5)
- 10 Misplaced anger confines (5)
- 11 Disturbing evil in the borders of Londonderry is provocative (6)
- 12 Pelicans sorry to disturb Anne (8, 5)
- 16 Up to changing heartless military organisation? Paradise! (6)
- 17 Yours truly in bed. Star! (5)
- 20 Modern language (5)
- 21 Affair in Italian church (7)
- 22 Burns destroyed breadth (3, 4)
- 23 Musical game? (5)

Down

- 1 Twitter's reported comfort (7)
- 2 'Rudolf Hess' is a German river (5)
- 3 Split has ruined religious education (5)
- 4 Blades retract differently for the experienced (6-7)
- 5 Better get back (7)
- 6 I would initially entertain friend impeccably (7)
- 7 Maureen (from Australia) turns up with speed (4)
- 13 Full tin seen blown up (7)
- 14 Director drunk on alcopop (7)
- 15 Sly tune recomposed by architect (7)
- 17 Ridiculous, but can one make it count at first? (5)
- 18 Intends to rebuild vicarage (5)
- 19 This, if you've lost it, means you've lost it! (4)

September answers

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1 Mashed potato, 8 Thunder, 9 Minim, 10 Dreary, 11 Plunge, 12 At ease, 14 Crusoe, 16 Anthem, 18 As well, 22 Impel, 23 Opening, 24 Trick or treat.

Down

1 Muted, 2 Shut-eye, 3 Eider, 4 Pare, 5 Templar, 6 Tenon, 7 Impede, 12 Acacia, 13 Shellac, 15 Sterile, 17 Taper, 19 Scent, 20 Legit, 21 Togo.