## ACROSS

11959 spy comedy film starring Alec Guinness and directed by Carol Reed (3,3,2,6)
9 Process by which a solid holds molecules of a gas or liquid as a thin film (10)
10 Block up a space or hole (6)
11 Flat Mexican pancake usually eaten hot with a filling (8)
12 BBC current affairs
programme first broadcast in 1953 (8)
13 Employing liquids in motion
(9)

14 Cause someone to stumble $(4,2)$
15 Greek virgin goddess of the hunt and the moon, twin sister of Apollo (7)
17 A Palestinian city in the Jordan Valley near the north end of the Dead Sea (7)
20 Highwayman, 1705-39, hanged at York for horsestealing (6)
21 Saw-billed fish-eating diving-duck (9)
23 Departing from what is usual (8)

25 Haircut in which the hair is cut so close to the head that it stands upright $(4,4)$
26 Beethoven's third symphony (6)

27 Member of a maritime force (10)

28 Anti-slavery novel by Harriet Beecher Stowe published in $1852(5,4,5)$

## DOWN

1 Nursery rhyme character with a bare cupboard ( $3,6,7$ )
2 Of birds, congregated to rest or sleep (7)
3 Name attached to a particular person (11)
4 Worthy of being copied (8)
5 Select carefully for a particular purpose (4-4)
6 Two-fingered hand-signal with the palm inwards as an indication of contempt (1-4)
7 Fourteenth century BC Egyptian queen, the wife of Pharaoh Akhenaten (9)
8 Religious sect founded in Dublin in the 1820s (8,8)
14 Tending to restore to health (11)

16 Violent release of energy (9)
18 Implied though not expressed (8)
19 Announce publicly (8)
22 Give way or sink under pressure (7)
24 Any of several Australian acacias with hard scented wood (5)


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