CROSSWORD
No. 15,640 Set by SLEUTH

ACROSS
1 Close to perfect, fantastically original element in a man's suit? (9)
6 Bitter councillor cuts support (5)
9 Fat school say backed (5)
10 Study street workers in unchanging situations (9)
11 Only deacon moves for author (5,5)
12 Trainer perhaps was outstanding dispensing note (4)
14 Grow to keep leading bird (7)
15 Stir shortly sign of distress in Greek singer (7)
17 Island in kingdom – it's not a resort for dreamers! (7)
19 Sign withdrawn about decline facing area concerned with complex? (7)
20 Day with activity for students crossdressing (4)
22 Leading team with urge to relocate in a spot? (2,1,3,4)
25 Greek character with regret ignoring argument against food's value (9)
26 Fault admitting nothing in spokesman (5)
27 Remove parking fringed by river and lake (5)
28 Fruit stolen – it's clustered in balls? (9)

DOWN
1 Subject in sunhat before cold (5)
2 Single son entering Asian country – and another (9)
3 One cabin's rocking around a part of the deep? (5,5)
4 Fashionable types elected trumpet Democrat (2-5)
5 Less provocative information gained with time on the French resistance (7)
6 English composer shedding coat for singer (4)
7 Part of company losing billion in haunt for cowboys? (5)
8 Spread call about person on board (9)
13 Dumb video broadcast about unknown film celebrating camaraderie (5,5)
14 Prohibit canned nuts in traditional social gathering (4,5)
16 Having a load of bread? (9)
18 Mobile accessory favoured in sports car for charting places? (7)
19 Thin material in newspaper supported by South Africa (7)
21 Behave badly in pretence at college (3,2)
23 Level temperature for marathon, maybe (5)
24 Preference in order about an estate? (4)

Solution to Saturday's prize puzzle on Saturday September 9
Solution to yesterday's prize puzzle on Monday September 11
Winners' names will be printed in Weekend FT