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ACROSS

- 1 Approach pastries on counter, say, last in bakery (8)
- 5 Cunning Capone protects turf in conflict (6)
- 9 Grooming bored male dog (8)
- 10 Standards of perfection Boz shares (6)
- 11 Instalments of heroic tales, missing chapter with verses (8)
- 12 Decoration of metal the Parisian brought back (6)
- 14 Meg's abroad to play chess etc (5,5)
- 18 Small creature beginning to nibble into blue grain container (4,6)
- 22 Gives information on studio by centre of Kelso (6)
- 23 One passes a very quiet car (8)
- 24 Small guy holding weight to jerk (6)
- 25 Reinforced a room belonging to us, expanded at the sides (8)
- 26 Take in résumé (6)
- 27 Eek! Darts uncontrollably rushed past (8)

DOWN

- 1 Upset from the German turning over home (6)
- 2 Game to chat (6)
- 3 Fish to dry upside-down (6)
- 4 Bats plague duo on eastern islands (10)
- 6 Birds regularly set down in circles (8)
- 7 See a form that's complicated and daunting (8)
- 8 Menu not so dull (8)
- 13 Nonconformist releases king, one stuck in hole (4,6)

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- 15 Unique idea lost in translation (8)
- 16 Helping Heather after curse is lifted (8)
- 17 Cups of tea and nutty slice (8)
- 19 One flies soldiers over island with triumphant cry (6)
- 20 Musician is last of four tucking into vodka jelly (6)
- 21 Fishing equipment in river running north deteriorated (6)