

ACROSS

- 1 More unusual way to meet drifter (8)
- 5 Firm spotted wheels and exhausts (6)
- 9 Old flame rang to be praised (8)
- 10 Copy paper (6)
- 11 Result of drinking gallon in port (8)
- 12 Spending less in bar (6)
- 14 Horse shot by the French couple (10)
- 18 Bring down food, consumed outside castle (10)
- 22 Builds secret mobile (6)
- 23 Criminal sat on his floor (8)
- 24 Expedition ends before flag is complete (6)
- 25 Hang around with old lady getting loaf (8)
- 26 Picture following second career (6)
- 27 Shocks extremely smart cricket commentator (8)

DOWN

- 1 Fume produced by article underneath court (6)
- 2 Tubby Toast, primarily in circular form (6)
- 3 Hold columnist in London? (6)
- 4 Basic component used by a railway (10)
- 6 Shakes vermouth in rocks (8)
- 7 Last word in scales, essentially (8)
- 8 Second husband, burly, expressed doubt (8)
- 13 Started job making decorative items (6,4)
- 15 Dine less after suffering unemployment (8)
- 16 One agrees to take part with fool (8)
- 17 Rude note about atomic material (8)
- 19 Dull sound of spring surrounds river (6)
- 20 Hollow piece of wood in Glencoe (6)
- 21 Singers from Switzerland or America (6)

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