

ACROSS

- 1 Second English exam by which Ben may be measured (3-5)
- 5 Throw away last of the pickle (6)
- 9 They're oddly getting less in the end (8)
- 10 Import business material (6)
- 11 Former partner pretending to be tough (8)
- 12 Seal pound in piece of cake (6)
- 14 Cinema distributed food for free (10)
- 18 O? (4,6)
- 22 Mark and Jack, say? About time (6)
- 23 Armed revolutionary without time for rum (8)
- 24 Emancipated spouse works (6)
- 25 Ardent Tory primarily taxing clothing (8)
- 26 Little Frenchman in Aussie vehicle (6)
- 27 Foster daughter that's precocious (8)

DOWN

- 1 A type of shirt in spotted fabric (6)
- 2 A general overseas (6)
- 3 Polishes about 100 Fiats (6)
- 4 Cuckoo in May quite calm (10)
- 6 Minister put down by bloke (8)
- 7 Gamble about old queen returning items for reception (8)
- 8 Guys meant to dance with her (8)
- 13 Dentist playing around before getting engaged (10)
- 15 Programme includes mountain climbing and tango class (8)
- 16 Obvious vessel's to capsize (8)
- 17 Fastest ships set off (8)
- 19 River upset a queen (6)
- 20 Crazy about duck meal (6)
- 21 Writing about extremists in Greece being executed (6)

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