

## ACROSS

- 1 Fire people needed for sporting event (4,4)
- 5 A politician is making excuses (6)
- 9 Developing new agreement after ousting leader (8)
- 10 German city that's attractive (6)
- 11 People drinking triple rum in empty towns (8)
- 12 Serve political party including one's husband (4,2)
- 14 Sweet to eat that smells good (10)
- 18 Flog pirate, drunken reprobate (10)
- 22 Chat with fellow after working in taxi (6)
- 23 Salvation - it's in one's own hand (8)
- 24 Sign of decay I see in country (6)
- 25 Cross Turkey cutting lumber (8)
- 26 Control silver in hair (6)
- 27 Dine less after suffering unemployment (8)

## DOWN

- 1 Prime Minister holding up small case (6)
- 2 Bloke acquires oriental ring of poor quality (6)
- 3 Beer served up before European feast (6)
- 4 Spinner's cute finger bending (10)
- 6 Most nuts in pastries eaten by Rob (8)
- 7 Dunce to study with teacher (8)
- 8 Towers seen as expensive by the French (8)
- 13 Grass cut by faithful private (10)
- 15 Sinclair's foremost computer, originally without disc (8)
- 16 Enter song performing events (6-2)
- 17 Acceptable requests in German (8)
- 19 Dignified and extremely serene partner (6)
- 20 Fraud row involving cleric (6)
- 21 Handles Brexiteers in conversation (6)

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