

**ACROSS**

- 1 Press cutback? (8)  
 5 Stopped Henry meeting Edward (6)  
 9 Told about island they'd regularly ignored (8)  
 10 Refrain from vices, essentially, before god (6)  
 11 Request agreement by opponents (8)  
 12 Hawk is concerning dog (6)  
 14 Extra flexible guys start to twist (10)  
 18 Does away with about four managers (10)  
 22 In essence, Christmas terrified teacher (6)  
 23 Casino worker with breathing problem? That's right (8)  
 24 Convenient hillside back in US city (6)  
 25 Poor demand housing is good for starters (8)  
 26 Metal plate one used for arthritis, primarily (6)  
 27 Depression is extremely tumultuous for healthcare workers (8)

**DOWN**

- 1 Fellow leading important beast (6)  
 2 Look after dog at end of life (6)  
 3 Jubilant journalist accepts reprimand after losing head (6)  
 4 Scores use chemist when sick (5,5)  
 6 The least stupid people like Laura Muir (8)  
 7 Cow's teeth ran out (8)  
 8 Very unhappy about waste in court (8)  
 13 Unusual canapé containing fruit is coming (10)  
 15 Mutineers point out criminal in the end (8)  
 16 Dining facility sells ham that's processed (4,4)

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- 17 Social worker's mother (5,3)  
 19 Fussy monarch is entering station (6)  
 20 Notes cleric provided on raising son (6)  
 21 After golf, retired sailor is free (6)