

ACROSS

- 1 Woven lace – it's flexible material (7)
- 5 Meal taken around a large boat (6)
- 9 Casual actor taking part in Wessex tragedy (5)
- 10 Desperate desire leads northern church home (9)
- 11 Black Beauty, perhaps, one with hidden talents (4,5)
- 12 Rule Niger, strangely (5)
- 13 Spanish gentleman with gold is charity supporter (5)
- 15 Finds out record finished before Sunday (9)
- 17 Step in to bury grain, we hear (9)
- 19 Continue to play cricket with conductor's stick (5)
- 21 Cord I knotted in Greek style (5)
- 22 Heavy weapon for domineering woman? (6-3)
- 24 Distribution for small vegetable plot (9)
- 25 Bay window in Oxford College (5)
- 26 I, reportedly, allowed little hole in material (6)
- 27 Head of reserve infuriates wardens (7)

DOWN

- 1 Corrected text finished without me (7)
- 2 Tears off to find a flower (5)
- 3 Schoolmaster organises the race (7)
- 4 Farm vehicle on edge of hill, a gunpowder container (9)
- 5 Trainee on little piece of land making cotton thread (5)
- 6 Sustain subordinate, then depart (7)
- 7 Satisfied about home for Europe, say (9)
- 8 Damaged nets in sport (6)
- 14 Aunt is desperate to get better of course (9)
- 16 Onlooker protects a lunatic (9)

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- 17 US state not entirely Asian (6)
- 18 One in cartel unusually producing musical performance (7)
- 19 Dance with nothing on but an inflatable rubber bag (7)
- 20 Sewing tools pointless, mostly (7)
- 22 Beastly cry as table turns (5)
- 23 Beer keeps US soldier nimble (5)