

ACROSS

- 1 Celebrate lavishly for launch? (4,3,4,3)
- 9 Rip up tiny bit (5)
- 10 Crush repulsive concoction (9)
- 11 One earl turned into old monarch (7)
- 12 Expertise shown in front end of vessel, eastern ship (7)
- 13 Cockney conceals fateful March date (4)
- 14 Cleric had organised service for the young (9)
- 18 Novelist with instrument, fish about to return (6,3)
- 20 We return after six for judgement (4)
- 22 Rip around top of golf peg by plant (3,4)
- 25 Space for keeping gold in platform (7)
- 26 Turn into a man, one framed for cartoons (9)
- 27 Regularly hauled pear tree (5)
- 28 Organised racketeers harm study of consumers' needs (6,8)

DOWN

- 1 Fake diamonds left behind are a delicate shade (6)
- 2 Getting more confident about split, give up (9)
- 3 News of Italian returning before bell sounds (7)
- 4 Pragmatic claimer about to grab sleuth (9)
- 5 Meadow flower round mouth of a bullock? (5)
- 6 One foot in the door of drunken hotel do (7)
- 7 Join one with energy (5)
- 8 German town, Essen, I'm developing (7)
- 15 Sense nice style, basically (2,7)
- 16 Macedonian conqueror otherwise relaxed about article (9)
- 17 Detest a copper cover for foreign castle (7)

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- 19 English gun and old boat set aside (7)
- 20 Instrument the heartless abuse (7)
- 21 Fireplace floor, centre hot (6)
- 23 Name a consumer said (5)
- 24 To live in Essex is terrific (5)