

**ACROSS**

- 1 Dog following bird in Manhattan, say (8)  
 5 Foil basket (6)  
 9 Join rally after No.5's left (8)  
 10 Princess with four wheels making capital (6)  
 11 In latter part of day, end of first equestrian activity (8)  
 12 Clear head shown by conservationists (6)  
 14 A tenor isn't terribly loud (10)  
 18 An old ruler abused Ben Stokes, possibly (3-7)  
 22 Intellectual dropping husband's fiddle (6)  
 23 A copper with small stomach (8)  
 24 High flier briefly in vehicle after one American (6)  
 25 Luxurious tree accommodating goddess (4-4)  
 26 Goes for Scotsman crossing English river (6)  
 27 Secret manouevres in extremely subtle change for Caesar (8)

**DOWN**

- 1 Reputation achieved by guerilla having whip round (6)  
 2 Chicken caught by black bird (6)  
 3 Article by newspaper on small crimes (6)  
 4 Erratic Tory needs moment outside (10)  
 6 Walt Disney, say, upset at a minor (8)  
 7 Widespread hysteria about disease, losing heart (8)  
 8 Cooking doughnut, say, without oven (8)  
 13 Gain access to Jimmy's business (10)  
 15 Distant object; could be a coin (8)

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- 16 Social worker cutting ordinary fruit (8)  
 17 The French copper stops digger getting H2O for one (8)  
 19 Choose Lebanese extremists to infiltrate cult (6)  
 20 Rubbish family bedding (6)  
 21 Drive heartless American in Fiat (6)