

ACROSS

- 1 Celebrate lavishly for launch? (4,3,4,3)
 9 Fill with joy when European behind time (5)
 10 Hear two girls joining fabric (9)
 11 Some French drink that settles the championship (7)
 12 Prepared small vehicle inside shed (7)
 13 Shame hole found on back of jersey (4)
 14 Proposes to represent Minnesota (9)
 18 The late shift? (9)
 20 Ashen, friend on top of Eiger (4)
 22 Soldiers' code of contrition (7)
 25 Listens in to the nippers (7)
 26 Caliph out to make scented oil (9)
 27 Reign over African river (5)
 28 City to grow vegetable (8,6)

DOWN

- 1 Mock one removed from Opus Dei organisation (6)
 2 Suddenly seizing strange chant, sing about it (9)
 3 Staged duet, say, in a 24-hour period (7)
 4 Neat poser translated universal language (9)
 5 Drunk cooked, not initially (5)
 6 Tenors upset about a crime (7)
 7 Part luxury, somewhat overly excessive (5)
 8 Most vulgar with or without comedian's opening character (7)
 15 Cockney eyes festive fare (5,4)
 16 Reprimand when tag on kilt destroyed (7-2)

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- 17 Catches parents out (7)
 19 Lights rocky hill and half the county (7)
 20 Dad doesn't finish wild sprint for vegetable (7)
 21 Liveliness of dancing sprite (6)
 23 Car starts touring in wild land (5)
 24 Avoid fool losing his head (5)