

**ACROSS**

- 1 Secret local mess after hearing couple neck-and-neck (3,5,2,4)  
 9 Follow two directions to take to court (5)  
 10 Extends pamphlet held by non-amateurs (9)  
 11 Tutor has drink with US singer (7)  
 12 Chirpy blogging facility (7)  
 13 Urges for Easter treats (4)  
 14 Ape telephoned aunt again, on oxygen (5-4)  
 18 Where the canny footy player should always be? (2,3,4)  
 20 Persian ruler gives two exclamations (4)  
 22 A gang supported by uninhibited behaviour (7)  
 25 Label as firm, pungent sauce (7)  
 26 One in new atelier's a native of the Holy Land (9)  
 27 Beast of burden left with Buddhist priest (5)  
 28 And benefits Mrs Twist with dog (4,4,6)

**DOWN**

- 1 Score in result went yesterday (6)  
 2 Offensive, some person's laughter (9)  
 3 Left out cheese for the worms (7)  
 4 Drink spilt over an exceptional star (9)  
 5 Fish met ultimate defeat (5)  
 6 Turning up for game (7)  
 7 Some symbolic items are permitted by law (5)  
 8 Artisan upset old foreign royal (7)  
 15 Designated share of vegetable patch (9)  
 16 Take over from a slattern (9)  
 17 Tending to roam – otherwise I'm no cad (7)

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- 19 Constant objective, a smaller quantity (7)  
 20 Butlers trained to become more delicate (7)  
 21 Country boy almost entering small lake (6)  
 23 Blood vessel discovered in Australia or Tasmania (5)  
 24 Unworldly one in part of a church (5)