

**ACROSS**

- 1 Deeds found around post – get ready men! (6,8)  
 9 Message from head of embassy brought with post (5)  
 10 They may be sent home after the eccentrics (9)  
 11 One who calls to order audio equipment (7)  
 12 Ship's officer admits also having command (7)  
 13 Sweet left in cooler (4)  
 14 Ungraceful in a gentle sort of way (9)  
 18 Sped back, making an assessment and giving an account (9)  
 20 Guy expected to hide diamonds (4)  
 22 MP Peter turned to thwart plan (3-4)  
 25 Soldiers' bike to use again (7)  
 26 River I entered. Roger and out! (3,6)  
 27 Put up beams, noisily (5)  
 28 Writer herding geese, Monsignor (7,7)

**DOWN**

- 1 A kidder becoming relaxed (2,4)  
 2 Tell raver about holidaymaker (9)  
 3 Puts grease on family as protective coat (7)  
 4 Place umpires in car (9)  
 5 Tea for fool up in the morning (5)  
 6 Smoke causes anger (7)  
 7 Woman who's not quite natural (5)  
 8 Loudly kissed buffoon's exterior features (7)  
 15 Green seas can provide enthusiasm (9)  
 16 Craving, these days, clarity of speech (9)  
 17 Take a breath to motivate (7)

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- 19 Married wayward sweetheart (7)  
 20 Scenery with sign of hesitation gives propriety (7)  
 21 Lower the dignity of churchman embracing me (6)  
 23 Book returned with note to express feelings (5)  
 24 Stressed it could be perfect (5)