

ACROSS

- 1 Here's worst food served up at Robin Hood's hideout (8,6)
- 9 Deny root's been dug over (5)
- 10 State as condition, lest I put a variation (9)
- 11 Ten in play, very small scene (7)
- 12 Wrap up wife in seat (7)
- 13 Paid less when about to be out of work (4)
- 14 Italian patriot takes the biscuit! (9)
- 18 Harbour man soaked in liquid (9)
- 20 Young fox on a Caribbean island (4)
- 22 TV figures staring oddly (7)
- 25 Flimsy cloth inside binder (7)
- 26 Battle to get plant above ground (9)
- 27 To be patient sounds a burden (5)
- 28 Spiritual entrant's candle goes out (14)

DOWN

- 1 Step right up inside team (6)
- 2 Add details to ornament with needlework (9)
- 3 Amount of power in the time of steam? (7)
- 4 Offensive, some person's laughter (9)
- 5 Passes quickly to space in a theatre (5)
- 6 Background talk of edible stalks (7)
- 7 Reportedly remained sober (5)
- 8 Retribution seems in order (7)
- 15 Tough old stick has new Ford Orion (3,2,4)
- 16 Oil carb until fixed (9)
- 17 I'm requiring newspapers to make a mark (7)
- 19 Gran's sharp fabric (7)

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- 20 Race had degenerated into farce (7)
- 21 From pollen, tilled an edible seed (6)
- 23 Daughter included in tour round royal house (5)
- 24 Long-suffering saint backing ten hundred (5)