

ACROSS

- 1 Sea bird confused men in peer group (7,7)
- 9 Chocolate substitute, alternative's back in taxi (5)
- 10 Union to keep short reply from diver (9)
- 11 Apricot tart contains Italian cheese (7)
- 12 Salary with tip in post (7)
- 13 Last letter incorporated in element (4)
- 14 Bring in a book that is weighty (9)
- 18 Bird dog grasps worried lad (4,5)
- 20 Organ piece uplifting, resonant (4)
- 22 Ten deer turned and came in (7)
- 25 Make oration to Canadian province (7)
- 26 Hissing noise caused by legal defences overturned by new church (9)
- 27 Beat a bean, perhaps (5)
- 28 Carelessly hands Sam firework before meal (7,3,4)

DOWN

- 1 Further performance makes people lose head and heart (6)
- 2 Narrow-minded father, one in choral gathering (9)
- 3 Boor removed bloodsucker, say, it's automatic (7)
- 4 Calling for force before running wild (9)
- 5 Noblemen cut top of gems (5)
- 6 Mass of ice starts to gather with more frills (7)
- 7 Susie's unruly brood (5)
- 8 Learned that no head of country turns tide (7)
- 15 Wayward he-man open to unusual things (9)
- 16 Laura, it's a wild country (9)
- 17 Sailor saying others are up to speed (7)

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- 19 Noise excluder two listeners accept quietly (7)
- 20 Jotter taped on, badly (7)
- 21 Boy Jack hopes to change (6)
- 23 A bit I confused for skeleton part (5)
- 24 Some ordinary foreign currency (5)