

ACROSS

- 1 Good in a duel as speedy artists are? (5,2,3,4)
 9 First lady books contest (5)
 10 Prime minister happy to put on weight (9)
 11 Anti-perspirant unnecessary – it's not a problem (2,5)
 12 Greek character, with cakes, returns to bed (7)
 13 Pubs in opposite ends of the country (4)
 14 Seeking urban amusement? When not to, perhaps (2,3,4)
 18 The planes circling animals (9)
 20 Small car for oneself (4)
 22 Current demand for public approval (7)
 25 Pastures new as mowed (7)
 26 Noisy chair dismissed and evicted (6,3)
 27 According to the moment of battle (5)
 28 Make up with that butcher he upset round yard (4,3,7)

DOWN

- 1 Borough that belongs to monarch? (6)
 2 Sense nice style, basically (2,7)
 3 Equipment sent off to Tom's family (7)
 4 The late shift? (9)
 5 He's consuming a starter of prawns – lots (5)
 6 Severe trouble after opening of death warrant (7)
 7 Concerned with some boxing (5)
 8 Some suffer mental turmoil (7)
 15 Try out striker, an international (4,5)
 16 Bone doctor's photo with seat appearing broken (9)
 17 Article in marquees for occupiers (7)

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- 19 Principal route for progress (7)
 20 Determined to put a barrier beside insect (7)
 21 Accompany rest haphazardly round little company (6)
 23 Some scenic or fun holiday island (5)
 24 Potter in low church (5)