



**Across**

- 1 View a faction quietly held (6)
- 4 Secret of somehow paying no tax (4-4)
- 10 In Italy, sweet Meg ran Italian stores (7)
- 11 Favouring blood to write about, I see (7)
- 12 x representing large number? (5,4)
- 13 Queen's favourite gold interior effects (5)
- 14 Paris's gold award for most beautiful food? (5)
- 15 Mucky girl's first sign of lice - boyfriend repelled (9)

- 17 Throw punch and miss repeatedly, getting dismissed (6,3)
- 19 Masters main subject? (5)
- 21 Confined to small island, start to miss British influence (5)
- 23 First lady's told: 'Drink? Use a tap' (9)
- 24 Deploying elbow, his wife knocked out revolting Russian (7)
- 25 Employer of Bob Marley shocks postmortem (7)
- 26 Separation is untidy arrangement (8)

- 27 My extra-large infant school originally having tiny pupils (6)

**Down**

- 1 Solving by rearranging letters? (7)
- 2 Pulse great, you're told, but trouble breathing and seeing? (3-6)
- 3 About fifty nicker (all change) in purse (7)
- 5 Represented in vicars' votes, May's first principle? (14)
- 6 Usual heartless Tory in charge, protected by crony (7)

- 7 Element that spins hogwash to men (5)
- 8 Don't start gagging print (7)
- 9 Impetus leading to unions' contraction? (6,8)
- 16 Damaging home, promises to pay for finish to panel (9)
- 17 Protection for wound on bottom worked, despite protest (7)
- 18 Doll's toyboy suppressing urge, making room for washing-up? (7)
- 19 Left in distress, like 25? (7)
- 20 Check on hacks? (7)

22 Screws up dances  
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