

ACROSS

- 1 Celebrate lavishly for launch? (4,3,4,3)
- 9 Spontaneous remark made by wayward lad to one bishop (2-3)
- 10 Frontman, here with hesitation (9)
- 11 Turning in prisoner in front of grotto (7)
- 12 Obvious pronoun to admit case (7)
- 13 Viewer's complaint - is it typed regularly? (4)
- 14 Haughty devil won't open grave (9)
- 18 Referring to flow of water regularly coming round (9)
- 20 Sounded frail for some time (4)
- 22 Party requests - about six I sent out (7)
- 25 Work - outstanding amount for a small creature (7)
- 26 Clumsy arrest organised inside UK port (9)
- 27 Learner phoned back to make knot (5)
- 28 Girl's date is a let-down (14)

DOWN

- 1 Quietly managed this French dance (6)
- 2 Bad-tempered or nice? Let out against the odds (9)
- 3 Responsible for late mob rioting (2,5)
- 4 Former student in fit of the sulks, I've produced swear-word (9)
- 5 New Open University having the edge (3-2)
- 6 Chirpy bird on the stereo equipment? (7)
- 7 Female relative losing head has to loosen up (5)
- 8 Demonstration in favour of 5-day cricket (7)
- 15 Medley to flow in or tip out (3-6)
- 16 Make too much of being in charge of the nation (9)
- 17 Pirates all at sea travel wearily (7)

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- 19 Chunky area round building (7)
- 20 How trug is made, shaped (like iron?) (7)
- 21 Charm a stubborn person, last to depart (6)
- 23 Drive out to get composer (5)
- 24 Moved through water quietly, finding marsh (5)