CROSSWORD  
No. 15,463 Set by BRADMAN

ACROSS
1. Rotter giving frank description of curate’s food? (3,3)
2. Party politician in protest against Conservative scoundrel (8)
9. International organisation dead with unity ruined (6)
10. Soft thing that is minute (8)
12. Kick person suffering from overwork (4)
13. Drank nothing, dashed outside, being exhausted (7,3)
15. The friend at a dance lacking courage (5-7)
18. Deal with problem, being exceptionally noble and ethical (5,3,4)
21. Little girl that’s happy to go round in uniform (10)
22. Mass in provisional from Dean initially rejected (4)
24. District in which priest supplants eastern system of belief (8)
25. Famous rider keen to return after travel (6)
26. Spies act suspiciously, being in denial of reality (8)
27. Cell barrier penetrated by this person (6)

DOWN
1. Bishop has to make hasty departure: results in rebuff (5-3)
2. As teacher performed start of play, with minimum of creativity (8)
3. Bunch of criminals shut up, any number imprisoned (4)
5. Troublesome former English sailor, poisonous type in hiding (12)
6. Honest and lacking any slant (2,3,5)
7. Minister about to go to court with men (6)
8. Delightful experience with country finally getting agreement (6)
11. Country’s leader restricted by changes and noisy arguments (12)
14. Son forming an alliance, becoming less transparent? (8,2)
16. Male in agony embraced by female supplying drug (8)
17. Perhaps the Derby apartment has a group of people (4,4)
19. Rare church gets damage on top (6)
20. As a group once reassembling outside old car firm (2,4)
23. Beetle landing on a lady (4)

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JOTTER PAD