ACROSS
7, 8 Sweet FA dropped off by motor-cycle; Nothing showy excluded from ghastly range (6,8)
9, 10 Sweet Nick, not initially so; Nothing English about the old old cracks (4,9)
11, 12 Sweet little solution thwarts big business operation; Nothing special about winning (9,5)
14, 17 Sweet beer (just one) leads to trouble; Nothing to go round edge of room (7,7)
19, 20 Sweet counter ingredients, from the 23; Nothing wrong with yearly subscription being reduced (5,9)
24, 25 Sweet Prince doing strip is given 1 out of 5; Nothing keeps me waiting (too long) (9,4)
26, 27 Sweet bloke taking challenge to unseat Government; Nothing to pay, someone called time (8,6)

DOWN
1 Secretly plan to snare Charlie - he's going out with yours truly (6)
2 What's grown-up without Kiddie Camp? (6)
3 Region for making out that's high up in NW US (6,3)
4, 23 Laurel's jealous lover (10)
5 Tingling, react in grip of something sensational, being by river (5,3)
6 Leave – run out of interest, perhaps? (8)
8 Official record of events showing up guy putting on 4? (6)
13 Partner instigating split? The end is nigh (4,2,3)
15 National flag Ms Cusack raised before dumping one? (8)
16 Woman perhaps heading to Gretna Green and to Norther Isles stopped short (3,5)
18 Spooner's to stand round where rogues used to buy it (6)
21 He's big, freakishly long for antiquarian (6)
22 Horny individual, not very big in SA, stinks like Russian dolls (6)
23 See 4

Solution to Saturday's prize puzzle on Saturday February 25
Solution to yesterday's prize puzzle on Monday February 27
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