CROSSWORD
No. 15,528 Set by GAFF

ACROSS
1 Ways to give boats horsepower (8)
5, 2 Country’s tiny capital city featured in extremely worthy publication (6,6)
10 Selfies tastelessly expose celebrations (7)
11 Green party follows a detail of speech (7)
12 Euclid’s first rule confounded by mathematician (5)
13 Basic loss of mass from the Spanish cheese (9)
14 Risks all and attacks chap who’s changed sides (4,3,5)
18 Loaded short container of coal (none left) with a measure of shaking (7,5)
21 Like followers of trashy soap to start loving its characters (9)
23 Rejected some plastic orchid flowers (5)
24 Close connection provides protection for retired woman (7)
25 Slimming aid – Eton mess (2,1,4)
26 Comfort from dead ends in tricky clue (6)
27 Hearing score in rehearsal (5,3)

DOWN
1, 20 Carpet relaid – the edges wouldn’t fit (6,6)
2 See 5 across

3 Broken foremast with its end near the stern (9)
4 Change to oyster shells for presentation of Meals On Wheels (7,7)
6 Natural defence is down under cardinal (5)
7 Paid Nato loose change (8)
8 Smoke joint when leading man replaces drug (8)
9 Singers fast leaving harmful intensive care and ringing Ireland (4,5,5)
15 Battle mask (9)
16 Insular Magna Carta spirit (8)
17 Maybe making light of natural disaster (3,2,3)
19 Dangerous gas support for reproductive equipment (6)
20 See 1
22 Result of adding to central Italy (5)

Solution 15,527