CROSSWORD
No. 15,884 Set by ALBERICH

ACROSS
1. Musician from Queen surrounded by supporters (6)
4. Insult outside club maybe leads to scraps (8)
9. Mum is regressing fast (6)
10. They drift in the ocean, not going back on board (8)
12. Retreat from scene, staggering somewhat (4)
13. Bowler hat shunned by scruffy English parent (3,7)
15. Brave, like pugilist outwardly? (5-7)
18. To get the best hand towels, he has to wander around Tunisia’s capital (5,3,4)
21. Support playwright nursing one relation (10)
22. New online community member returns gift (4)
24. Aim to stop case of Rhine wine getting delivered (8)
25. Pilot’s shot – using this? (6)
26. Campaigner has inclination to grab ’Arry’s interest (8)
27. The woman’s turned attention to judge again (6)

DOWN
1. Doctor Seuss book about hot affair (8)
2. Reference is a deception – not the first one (8)
3. Mark bandages leg for brother (4)
5. One with desire to eat large helping, for example (12)
6. Am I not able to celebrate rising support? (10)
7. Evaluation is harsh, first off (6)
8. Soldier primarily positioned in front of gate? (6)
11. Sponsor has complaint about new performer (12)
14. Writing articles still for The Listener (10)
16. In the right over lost exotic bird (8)
17. Conman from Cornwall perhaps less active around November (8)
19. Paris shuffled last off mortal coil (6)
20. Toff’s after top of range? Hang about! (6)
23. Capital punishment (4)

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PIPETTE SQUAWK
ETON THERMOMETER
NUTCUTLET PIETA
NODULE OT TNP
YUMMY ROUTESTEP
FAI GTEIR
ARCHIVES ONETWOP
RND M TEP
THATCH NIGHTJAR
HROZNETEII
INSOMNIACTIARA
NETTLE HILT
GANDT HYPHERBOLE
A AEIOUL
ELIXIREMBASSY

JOTTER PAD