CROSSWORD
No. 15,697 Set by WANDERER

ACROSS
1  Working during month near start of year in UK? (8)
5  Sweet child taking second university course ahead of time (6)
8, 9  State some answers in full (3,5,5)
10  American Indian from Taco? Manchester, apparently (8)
11  Gloomy Dean meets Arab, dressed and ready to go (2,4)
12, 14  Use a variety of approaches, making hen grit? (4,3,7)
17, 20  A place to walk when depressed, with note nearly composed (4,6,4)
23  A PM’s turned out (6)
24  Keep quiet about fairy on front of rock band’s Book of Smiles? (4-4)
25, 26  Wealth produced going after profit in a way that’s criminal (7,3,3)
27  Hard cut to point (6)
28  Writer with tips for really decorative stuff that needs to be cut (8)

DOWN
1  How GP might refer to successful case with treated hand? (9)
2  Actor/director entertains Sun journalist (7)
3  Approaching the age of rebellion (6)
4  You foolishly got on horse with name twice held by the Queen’s horse (9)
5  Sentimental single initially released by US band – covered by Wham, surprisingly (7)
6  A long lost former college, previously having properties found in a square (7)
7  Finding Lee Evans a little pointless becomes awful bind (7)
13  Blow, that’s hard, keeping 11 without a drink (6,3)
15  Go in after fish and chips (9)
16  Swiftly and suddenly remove little old man in authority (5,4)
18  Visibly performing number about men only (7)
19  Vessels in river area (7)
21  In A&E, a role involved nipple rings (7)
22  Spent summer in France just south of its capital, we hear (6)

Solution 15,696

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