CROSSWORD
No. 15,695 Set by ARTEXLEN

ACROSS
1 Bought furniture to hold kid (6)
5 Poodle is going nuts near water (8)
9 Aware of Cockney’s ambition, yen to stop inadequacy (4-4)
10 Roughly take down revolutionary leader (6)
11 Not in show, dame discontented (6)
12 Bust heaving very brazen (8)
13 Plant hybrid more are using (4,8)
17 Note, after slaughter, reduced countries for final stages (12)
20 Best lute I am playing with time inside (8)
23 Coveted object receives bid (6)
24 Fibre to remain rigid, having internal resistance (6)
25 Spooner’s minor road excavation on major route (8)
26 Popular plant, very big, for hostile locations (8)
27 Kebab comes from this dirty place around end of block (6)

DOWN
2 Back up when pierced by Greek character’s sword (6)
3 Musical instrument carried by idol in Birmingham (5,4)
4 One’s yard’s tidied for period of bright weather (3,6)
5 Waffle not turnover taken from London station (7)
6 Main residents of Windsor Castle (5)
7 Second place containing oil to blow up (5)
8 Dragging around two short jockeys (5-3)
14 Men on board circling lake to find breeding-places (9)
15 Van is hell travelling round US city (9)
16 Shot home for some news (8)
18 Minute drops in parent’s drinks container (7)
19 This writer disheartened orphan, the rotter (6)
21 Very angry buccaneer heading off (5)
22 Top praise – People’s Poet (5)

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JOTTER PAD