ACROSS

1. Time to prepare before equestrian event (8)
5. Behaves badly when taught with Biblical text (4,2)
10. Problem for swimmers with tendency to rush at the start (7)
11. Lie about owning country clubs (7)
12. Handle farm animals (5)
13. Reckon on a denial being of little use (2-7)
14. Refutes nothing that is reproduced in the press (6,6)
18. Explain one’s concerns for the entertainment industry (4,8)
21. Summarises theoretical positions at the end (9)
23. Detest husband stabbing wild boar (5)
24. Complete before the last part in which further progress is impossible (4,3)
25. Means to negotiate extremely tricky general pardon (7)
26. Quite right to have change of heart (6)
27. Equipment needed by top bowlers for instance (8)

DOWN

1. Landseer essentially capturing river’s force (6)
2. Hire Peto to come up with cunning plan (6)
3. Move quickly after trouble caused by prankster’s device (5,4)
4. Naive to get vexed over third rate poem as an aid to road safety (5,5,4)