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1 I'm exceedingly grateful...or am I? (6,1,3)7 See 9

9/7 Freeloader on a road east of Gloucestershire town (8)

10 Lacking authenticity, well odd, or to begin with, even peculiar (4,6)

11 Get ready for visitors so put DIY off (4,2)

12 Wandering, sound off with Gerry, blowing his top outside (8)

13 The folk here liken his craft to... (8)

15 ...the flair Icelanders show (4)

17 Elementary children really understand primary colour (4)

19 Court detective and Mr Forester (8)

22 Bond girl's healthy green veg (8)

23 The *Enterprise* is let loose around fight(6)

25 Finds out what sectarians are up to? (10)

26 Bowl over and over, that's crazy (4)

27 Man is inflexible, worker will be sacked(4)

28 Helpless, malodorous, in need of water (4,3,3)

DOWN

2 Where to call for Red Stripe? (7)

3 Dead end? You don't say! (2,3)

4 Ferreting around but posing no disruption (8)

5 I'd liaise, wanting new helpers for 16 (6-2-7)

6 Cheap-looking marble is uninteresting(6)

7 Arabian football team fixers (9)

8 Article on female explorer crossing river to reach country (7)

14 Laugh uncontrollably about our baked potato topping (4,5)

16 Tory woman of high birth (8)

18 Wow! Editor chasing assistant — couldn't stop laughing (7)

20 Few missed Fats Waller performance with big-name cast (3-4)

21 Overshoot chamberpot partly from strong liquor (6)

24 Heresy, no doubt, plays part of its remit (5)