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ACROSS

1/4 Musicians getting tipsy (6,3,5)

9 The girl is local, Australian originally(6)

10 Chemist rejected eggs by the end of long and winding road (8)

12 Spots some gatecrashers (4)

13 Explosion has led to change in the country (10)

15 9, 24, 1 down, 7, 8 and 19 have these tables slowly turning (3,9)

18 Spirit doctor protects poor people infiltrated by mob (12)

21 They comply somehow with a component of the immune system (10)

22 Left The Hague? (4)

24 Goliath is never leader in media decorum (8)

25 Starts to bring up money for placement underground (6)

26/27 Yep, often hungry, in need of treatment and a donation (5,3,3,3)

DOWN

1 A rebate's generating interest (4,4)

2 A form of dislike (8)

3 Exploit people like me? Not unknown!(4)

5 Being OK sailing after an upset, life must include golf (12)

6 Pull joke on Welshman where bags were carried (7,3)

7 Very wet turf needing study (6)

8 Don't start wasting prize (6)

11 Artist's half-paid blokes pick casual sofa (5,7)

14 Declare more perverse desire for adulation (10)

16 Paying no attention to gin cocktail circles (8)

17 Dry friend with no mercy (8)

19 Sumptuous clue for friends (4-2)**20** In the morning, union discarded

uniform for a protective membrane (6)

23 Feel having extracted tooth: at first it hurts (4)