

July 2025 Slot 2 by Ninian

Across

- 1** Large Austrian starter, pepper kernel and lasagne on vacation in city (3,5)
6 Plant bull on edge? (5)
10 Exists in beer alley (5)
11 Fresh dash for paper (9)
12 Royal 9-down (7)
13 Reserve avian home and contents (4,3)
14 Ensemble missing court equipment! (5)
16 Curves hit back with a returned lob to grassy centre (9)
19 Veronica, small and healthy, swallowed deepfake (9)
20 For example, soak wader (5)
22 Relieved amateur in novel deal (7)
25 Good girls raised on toast? (7)
27 Fresh mice meant for pie filling (9)
28 Precious metal in vessel returning to Pacific island (5)
29 Gourmet princess, knight and queen (5)
30 Agitated, move more? (8)

Down

- 2** Quietly, author is out for love - what cheek! (9)
3 Sphere of Newton in place (5)
4 Yearn for forbidden fruit and get another (9)
5 Buzz Aldrin imbibing red wine? Just the reverse! (5)
6 Afterthought about nothing after work - fit to be resisted (9)
7 French flower arrangement from Oriel (5)
8 Stews, leaves without books (7)
9 Dehydrated produce is in shower (6)
15 Roosevelt's plaything - confused betrayed Democrat (5,4)
17 Drops rouge borders on the french doors (9)
18 Krypton pulsars shaped bloomers (9)
19 Hades maiden, initially maltreated - badly cheated (7)
21 Odds are even drunk returns to drink (4-2)

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- 23** Manchester returning scoreless, European outsiders (5)
24 Gloomy sweetheart crosses river (5)
26 Dissolve ring without you and me (5)