



Across

- 6 Female student admitting first hint of interest in metal oxide (7)
- 7 Myself, perhaps, and French in German gathering (7)
- 9 Height of achievement of bird with start of nesting (5)
- 10 Cooked the garlic in state of sluggishness (9)
- 11 Select from list English politician, a north eastern Liberal (7)
- 13 Metal flying machine losing height (6)
- 15 Charitable secret orders; sadly aim of sneerers (13)

- 19 US Suffragette lady author's at heart really draconic embattling (6)
- 20 Plead for contents of written treaties (7)
- 23 Unusually inelegant species of wild rose (9)
- 24 The French money, old and new, for fruit (5)
- 26 Mythical thing; a carriage drawn by three horses (7)
- 27 Not specific knowledge on historic blood fine (7)

Down

- 1 Some amateur overstretched this jumper (4)

- 2 Idiot in Perth is turning up to record arrival at work (4,2)
- 3 Diagrammatic representation, limits of line and page for national symbol (5-4)
- 4 Be left-winger and argue to absurd lengths (8)
- 5 Heavy artillery of persistent attack on chessboard man? (5,5)
- 6 Bent chief newspaper man (6)
- 7 Tiny arachnid's strength, so we hear (4)

- 8 Attempt to carry child's home-made vehicle (2-4)
- 12 Kinky rustic poll produces this protection for castle entrance (10)

- 14 Beginnings of strict or very exacting rule for monarch (9)
- 16 Deplorably exerts no muscle (8)
- 17 Highlanders' way with a posh cake (6)
- 18 About nations putting sense essentially into set of principles (6)
- 21 Natural ability in story supported by part of Bible (6)
- 22 Fierce animal's raised combed fibre (4)
- 25 Take note of apostle (4)