



**Across**

- 1 Promote parody (4,2)
- 5 Reclines in mud? Most foolish (8)
- 9 A couple of boys getting intimate (8)
- 10 City avenge being thrashed (6)
- 11 Killer's paper rejected, not finished off (8)
- 12 Troops cut power from surgical equipment (6)
- 13 Virulent character's name on sign (8)

- 15 Parts of minutes from Congress discussed (4)
- 17 Supplier of sugar adds one on (4)
- 19 It sets the scene before a stroll (8)
- 20 Flight from America after former love died (6)
- 21 Flying from Australia by way of Thailand, no-one returned (8)
- 22 Ill-fated soldier in orbit briefly? (6)
- 23 Where one might be caught and dismissed by competitors (8)
- 24 Characteristic of

- a brew from the pot, some would say (8)
- 25 The French entering flat - one by one? (6)

**Down**

- 2 Polish member in key area nicked regularly (8)
- 3 Shock of girl's hair (8)
- 4 Troop in Northern Ireland turned to drink (5,4)
- 5 No wordplay needed? (4-11)
- 6 Rest of song to enjoy (3,4)

- 7 Implement European right to cut tax (8)
- 8 Inebriated star can't perform (8)
- 14 Secret underground cell fix elite bout (9)
- 15 Cork's alternative bar welcomes band (8)
- 16 State in America, exaggerate trouble (8)
- 17 Top-class horse to dominate (8)
- 18 Recruit nurse taking drugs over lunch? (8)
- 19 She's in a queue south of French city (7)