

**Across**

- 1** Fabulous bird photos catch chicken circling duck (7)  
**5** See 18 Down  
**10** Male Irish singer returned having pulled, sporting a low hairline (10)  
**11** 'I hear you are back in for gin?' (4)  
**12** Old King Samuel ran amok across North East (8)  
**13** Improve opinion of umpire, regularly at Edgbaston's opener (6)  
**14** Woman in the drug business (4)  
**15** Low level of speed (have fixes during interval) (6,4)  
**17** Arrived cradling small amphibian; to

- hospital...could be sinister (4-6)  
**21** Hoover is one to finally interrogate lady of distinction (4)  
**23** They provide support when walking around the county (6)  
**25** Cool army jacket conceals space primarily for 'medicinal' canteen (3,5)  
**26** Subdue Liberal's habit (4)  
**27** Set a clue about blokes in charge of the Christian church (10)  
**28** Went on and on *in flagrante delicto* (6)  
**29** See 7 Down

**Down**

- 2** Marksmen's leader split off to find owls, perhaps (7)  
**3** Part divided by operation? Bolt together to become one (9)  
**4** Old drains reconstructed - that's progress (7)  
**6** He had a bird on his arm in bar north of City (3,4)  
**7/29** Distressed Rosa re-emerges sapped of energy, getting 'password incorrect'? (5,7)  
**8** Nerve starts to show conductance, indicated by a twitch (7)  
**9** Request place inside, being circled by one

flogging tickets for a song (5,3,5)

- 16** Reportedly go door-to-door selling glasses and kitchen containers (5,4)  
**18/5** Health advice from politicians after refreshing year out (3,4,6)  
**19** Plain beret suavely covers when receding (7)  
**20** Run down piano is in key (7)  
**22** Dupe Ollie's funny friend into having an American car (7)  
**24** Loud man with Tesla...he has conviction (5)