



Across

- 4 Old ringmaster's bridge between Hebrides and Fair Isle (6)
- 6 Stormy section engulfs a water sportsperson (8)
- 9 Party rejected conditional seat shuffling (6)
- 10 Bully man of action outside colliery (8)
- 11 Seconds count in unfamiliar terrain, among the stars (12)
- 15 Tyneside bairn's first in unlikely sport (7)
- 17 Good property to develop (7)

- 18 Chartist with iPod upset autocracy (12)
- 22 How home office staff work on vehicle certification, see (8)
- 23 Foot supporter at home only (6)
- 24 St Bernard maybe needing one for road and rail (8)
- 25 Comic character's love of olive oil, so to speak (6)

Down

- 1 Judge McVey heard court comedian (6)
- 2 Beam regularly ready for escape (3,2,5)

- 3 Egg in hard hat, say, unexpectedly breaks (8)
- 4 Support surprisingly brief conclusion (8)
- 5 I mark it: unknown face (8)
- 7 Half lift up old oak tree (4)
- 8 Model's original name for show (4)
- 12 Gossip sheet's endpiece later modified to include Ms Macpherson (10)
- 13 Poor Babe Ruth gets nothing for posh housecoat (8)

- 14 Two chess associations planned move on the rugby field (3,5)
- 16 Detectives in bad taste demanding trial (4,4)
- 19 Approach exhaustion: thus a US candidate might stand down (3,3)
- 20 Arrest the predecessors of HSBC (4)
- 21 Last word from Geva Mentor (4)