



Across

- 1 Sportswoman Eleanor briefly accepts hitherto unspecified bet during training run (7,6)
- 8 Kim Jong Un's Force for Justice doctored strong evidence (7,3)
- 9 Some of Seamus Heaney's schmaltz (4)
- 10 Jerk blanked church architect (4)
- 11 Encounter tramp with American piebald (4,4)
- 13 Eccentric takes after current Establishment figure creator (3-5)

- 14 1000 men backing gulf state painter (6)
- 16 Cinema crowds getting one for nothing (6)
- 18 Fine gold lock in the Tower of London perhaps (8)
- 20 Reject hawk holding hard line (5,3)
- 22 Groom reflected a way of working in ancient days (4)
- 24 Opening window (4)
- 25 Where Elaine Paige became famous by embracing tyro willy-nilly (10)
- 26 State lost when EU was abandoned (3,5,5)

Down

- 1 Heard modern miracle re-established a kind of order (9)
- 2 Thus initially a royal son proceeds (7)
- 3 Relative value not expressed evenly (4)
- 4 Easy to read French articles about Soldier Boy's origin (7)
- 5 Far from brief note: lines characteristic of a grudge-bearer? (4,6)
- 6 Two dollars off, medium dry could be more palatable (7)
- 7 Sappers prepared fresh start (5)
- 12 He sang of maids not performing (4,6)

- 15 Gathers up small litter in Napoleonic retreat (9)
- 17 Native American guard holding ball carrier's head up (7)
- 18 Natural survivors meet match at Lords maybe (7)
- 19 Stun completely somewhere between Shannon and Malin (7)
- 21 Classical beauty with style will secure win ultimately (5)
- 23 Opinion that is held by German carmakers (4)