

Across

- 9 Cut Melvyn's introduction on 'In Our Time' (5)
- 10 At first, during sex, one is accompanied by partner (9)
- 11 Political reform that takes place following a reshuffle? (3,4)
- 12 The ladies work in France and Sweden (7)
- 13 Summit hosted by NATO representative (3)
- 14 Striking hot iron club upon pot's rim (11)
- 17 Foremost among original American series is 'Band of Brothers' (5)
- 19 Party time for one of these... (3)

20/28 Pop group's opening parts of '5,4,3,2,1' (5,5)

- 21 Engineer shines tyres with an electronic instrument (11)
- 23 The head of monetarism within the European Union is a puppet (3)
- 24 Prince with a maroon tail coat that's made by a tosser (7)
- 26 Increasingly peaky, sick writer is admitted to hospital emergency room (7)
- 27 Your uncle Mike's transfixed, son; he *will* get a beautiful woman (9)
- 28 See 20

Down

1 They come out and dash, leading amateur races (10)

- 2 A wren's animated response (6)
- 3 Liberal that is, say, upset, and trying not to show face (8)
- 4 A long way round piled bananas? They're actually shorter than 500 feet (10)
- 5 Cryptically, tangelo may emerge when one ungathers this thread (4)
- 6 Scene from *The Road* that is inspired by *Skyfall's* finale and *Naked Gun* (6)
- 7 Concealed lute broken by carnival queen (8)
- 8 Oddly, Iris heard spies (4)
- 15 This baron is the descendent of an American novelist (10)
- 16 Front of square, half rotated, bound by cross upon base (10)
- 18 In text, 'an unknown value and its inverse produce equivalent terms' (8)
- 20 Our relatives leave train, heading off before grandpa dies at last (8)
- 22 Harsh play on the radio (6)
- 23 He invented the means of making ledger longer (6)
- 24 One crawls between these and starts to pick up rubbish (4)
- 25 Such characters from Asgard are sad still (4)

