



**Across**

- 9 Mad howl encompassing first and last (5)
- 10 Nothing morose, take away probably isn't 21 (9)
- 11 Freddie loses a number and leader drops two places at the start (4,3)
- 12 Practice ground at Lord's reserved for North Surrey players (7)
- 13 Pace left snake with the means to go up (10)
- 14 Thanks, team - get the plane into position (4)
- 16/17/18 lost warm minestrone soup in the font (5,3,5)
- 20 Breezy elf's lesser partner (4)
- 22 Finding out how to share the land, we hear (10)
- 25 Set against clothes the wrong way (7)
- 26 Pet personnel took in broken teams (7)
- 27 Code of alien: I line up behind race, replacing upstart (9)
- 28 Backing in blog rallied slowly (5)

**Down**

- 1 Book opening in Northern town (6)
- 2 20 weeks for Lawrence or Royal Marine (4,4)
- 3 Cell component to ply mascot with change (9)
- 4 Mum kept in agreement? (15)
- 5 Token paused, it is said, and balanced (15)
- 6 Seconds away from Thurso, radical enters to take you very far away! (5)
- 7 24's younger sister sounds quieter (6)
- 8 Old Middle Eastener says rain will fall (8)
- 15 Turner enchanted dame with the sound of birdsong all around (9)
- 16 Major followed the specific singer there (8)
- 19 Damp Kenyan leader certain to take time (8)
- 21 High, but managed detectives (6)
- 23 A bishop took nothing into the NW passage (6)
- 24 7's older sister shows abridged diagram on America (5)