



**Across**

- 1/26 Saying, primarily, for when heated romances get break off? (7,5,3,5,4,6)
- 9 Type of car - one reserved by radio? (7)
- 10 Stop journey after missing square meal (7)
- 11 Start to develop short game over ditches (5)
- 12 A country boy returning without absent religious leader (5,4)
- 13 Drama getting into kinky business (9)
- 15 Nice way to leave or pass on gold rings (5)
- 16 Attractive female cyclist winning races? (5)

- 18 Observer odds on to react liberally (9)
- 20 Issue about article for Apple Watch? (9)
- 23 These stations might show horror (5)
- 24 Self-important person, say, first to back bars (7)
- 25 Strip of French land including the west of Paris (7)
- 26 See 1

**Down**

- 1 Ready for battle, met death or explosive force (5,2,3,5)
- 2 Potential covers US city put up in blackout (7)
- 3 Make changes to scenery as required (9)

- 4 Journalist penning military base's exploits, originally (5)
- 5 A medic's universal way to get around? (9)
- 6 One supporting identical points during European Union malaise (5)
- 7 Wave of new, unusual autism cases (7)
- 8 Describing some activities old facility promoted, of course (5-10)
- 14 Officer's home to run brief description checks (9)
- 15 Not keen on tagliatelle? There's nothing for a starter (9)

- 17 Draw a shot, perhaps, and test uprising (7)
- 19 Much more to loveless embrace (7)
- 21 Indicate tempo in twenties' piece (5)
- 22 Seen regularly topping party with present (5)