



The solution to this puzzle will appear on Friday 3 April



Across

- 1 Excluding women, project needs six-footer (4,6)
 6 Sailor goes to new lake (4)
 9 Get along with former partner, one involved in sacrifice (2-5)
 10 Troublemaker gets head of Russian government replaced (7)
 12 The skill of putting on *Pinafore*? (10)
 13 A point that's relevant (3)
 15 Clods are disturbed by this school (6)
 16 Column, one covered in rendering (8)
 18 Oddly, team like quiet at work: discuss it afterwards? (4,4)
 20 Join new driver in car (6)
 23 Vessel in stream not British (3)

24 After veg, a boy leaves (5,5)

- 26 Credit, say, is secured for the oven (7)
 27 Collapsing pound — it's the national symbol (7)
 28 Make another version of poem, beginning to read from the back (4)
 29 Michael can get upset without thinking (10)

Down

- 1 White wine is in bag (4)
 2 A superior helper (7)
 3 Game that's big, we hear, but it leads to prison (6,2,5)
 4 Referee finally books reserve in draw (6)
 5 Record taxi's arrival for start of

President's journey? (3,5)

- 7 European eventually comes round, if nothing more (2,5)
 8 Entrant so prepared to run? He won't (3-7)
 11 Optional arrangement to support further inference (13)
 14 He has weight to shift — try joining club (4-6)
 17 Very lazy slob, one I'd let take part (4,4)
 19 Gun one lad let off without enthusiasm (7)
 21 Finally gets into film, using credit card (7)
 22 Grab and beat up in school (6)
 25 River fish: start to land it? (4)

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