ACROSS
1 Heap of hay attracting bird early in day (8)
5 Seafarer from past in opposition to island monarch (6)
9 Legendary location in book enthralling Nettie on regular basis (8)
10 German writer’s progress with English article (6)
11 Alien due? Could be yellowish-green! (3,2,3)
12 Leaders in fact are being indecisive and needlessly cautious (6)
14 One out at night appearing with cosmetic in capital? (5,5)
18 One hostile to Officer Commanding carry-on, say? (10)
22 Son with a large item of footwear (6)
23 Yield over old King Cole – follow locals (2,6)
24 Gourmet’s dessert cut at finish (6)
25 Fine European film about popular campaigner (8)
26 After loss of weight, messaging site providing a laugh (6)
27 Glory age seen otherwise – as something ugly? (8)

DOWN
1 Mean-spirited, caught bird (6)
2 Summons for service, country’s first, entirely finished (4-2)