Across

1. To prepare soldiers one drops everything! (13)

2. Indian bean, end of vegetable doubly spiked (5)

3. It may hold kipper still ‘til piece almost cooked (7, 2 words)

4. Near unit put up, take in plant firmly (6)

5. Strip of plaid maybe making jumper, new? (4)

6. Like a French author favouring bombast? Not the first (9)

7. Regarding building eye something bracing (8)

8. Woodland umbellifer naturalist transplanted, having cut a border (5)

9. Regarding building eye something bracing (8)

10. Dimwits starting shed from the wrong end (4)

11. Ball leading to runs acceptable, one in belt (5)

12. Band section, briefly famous, LSO exploited (6)

13. Dogs covering tail I clipped – they’re docked (7)

14. Measure of acidity that restricts opening of this tiny cutting? (6)

15. With no children around, give up school? Quite revealing! (7)

16. Glacial feature leads stones adrift (11, 3 words)

17. Dance revealing Saudi in his element? (8)

18. Talc for carving about scattered eastern isle (13)

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