

Cryptic Crossword VIII: Solution

In all clues the definition is underlined.

Across:

1. Position to field crazy fact or idea (5,5): **SILLY POINT**
Crazy = SILLY, fact or idea = POINT. The answer is a fielding position in cricket
6. Regularly undermine resistance and remove its leader (5): **OFTEN**
Undermine = SOFTEN, remove its leader implies delete the S
7. Double of final score (5): **FETCH**
Of final = F (last letter from of), score = ETCH. A fetch is similar to a doppelganger
8. One to leave country as a result of chaotic regime (6): **EMIGRE**
An anagram (chaotic) of REGIME
9. One Roman hosting his emperor (4): **NERO**
The answer is in the clue
11. Seed starts to become elongated and narrow (4): **BEAN**
Initial letters (starts to) of Become Elongated And Narrow
13. Bird by Spanish river and lake in outskirts of Ourense (6): **ORIOLE**
Spanish river = RIO, lake = L, both in the outskirts of Ourense = OE
15. Weapon found after removal of entry to burial mound (5): **ARROW**
Burial mound = BARROW, with entry (the letter B) removed
17. Poor acceleration? Reliant's second trademark! (5) **BADGE**
Poor = BAD, acceleration = G, Reliant's second = E. The first would be the wheels!
18. Peerless "Soldier Soldier" star (10): **SUPERGIANT**
Peerless = SUPER, Soldier = GI, Soldier = ANT. Two different definitions of the same word. Soldier Soldier was a popular British TV show

Down:

1. Scarf taken without permission (5): **STOLE**
Double definition
2. New rental fitted with one toilet (7): **LATRINE**
An anagram (new) of RENTAL, with one = I within it
3. Wish for currency (3): **YEN**
Double definition
4. Revolutionary stands behind old mark for throwing projectiles (4): **OCHE**
Revolutionary = CHE, behind old = O
5. Sister, 101, has ring for papal ambassador (6): **NUNCIO**
Sister = NUN, 101 = CI, ring = O
7. Wetland in France (in French) (3): **FEN**
France = F, in French = EN (a translation)
10. Sum up after horn smashed in Welsh valley (7): **RHONDDA**
Sum = ADD, written upwards (up) after an anagram (smashed) of HORN
11. Cavalier captures Rugby back from government agency (6): **BUREAU**
Cavalier = BEAU, Rugby = RU which is backwards (back) and within (captured)
12. Number with the present (3): **NOW**
Number = NO, with = W
14. Put up before court (5): **ERECT**
Before = ERE, court = CT
16. Large monster about after mistake by defender (4): **OGRE**
About = RE after mistake by defender = OG (own goal)
17. Spit served up in Slough (3): **BOG**
Spit = GOB, served up implies it's entered upwards into the grid. Slough does not refer to the town.