

Every week our gallant knight engages in an amiable joust with his Page. They provide different clues that give the same answers. Sir Lancelot gives the Cryptic Clues and his Page the Quick Clues. Now join them in a game of ISpy for your chance to win £250! Answers next Sunday.

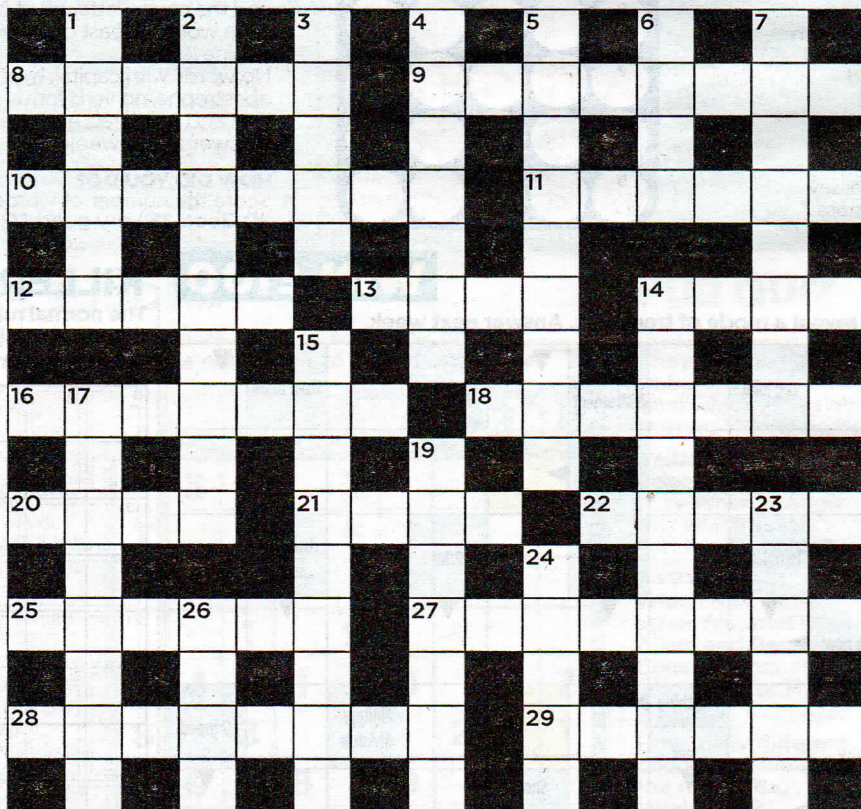
SIR LANCELOT'S CRYPTIC CLUES

Across

- 8 Stop taking run where batsman stands (6)
- 9 I read about one politician starting to be diminished (8)
- 10 Rely on lurch in finance (8)
- 11 Make an effort to include parking authority (6)
- 12 Reported first appearance in bed (5)
- 13 Selected to take top off, and stockings (4)
- 14 Hope elephant has a tough skin (4)
- 16 By the sound of it, a seasoning is a hit (7)
- 18 Mother used steel from an island (7)
- 20 Wife gets one greeting or another (4)
- 21 Forest club (4)
- 22 Graduates surround medium snake (5)
- 25 Singer has a small, second drink (6)
- 27 Loading a construction that's slanting (8)
- 28 This third lantern put out, not outside (8)
- 29 Musical instrument not in the drink (6)

Down

- 1 Turn barn out – last of produce gets refined (6)
- 2 Mad thing in two containers (6,4)
- 3 Move out, carrying new toxin (5)
- 4 Invoice charged item for a huge amount (7)
- 5 Fleeting note – help mare running about (9)
- 6 Slip of the lips? (4)
- 7 Fellow listener, not quite so brave (8)
- 14 Mathematician sorted out trophy saga (10)
- 15 Developing into affair protecting debtor (9)
- 17 Devastating screening, initially about object (8)
- 19 Transporting gold on a boat (7)
- 23 Fire right for an item of clothing (6)
- 24 Equal to a competition (5)
- 26 Appear to join, say (4)



THE PAGE'S QUICK CLUES

Across

- 8 Folded ridge (6)
- 9 Weakened (8)
- 10 Support financially (8)
- 11 Knowledgeable person (6)
- 12 Ship's bed (5)
- 13 Garden implement (4)
- 14 Fruit skin (4)
- 16 Attack (7)
- 18 Mediterranean islander (7)
- 20 Greeting gesture (4)
- 21 Building material (4)
- 22 Snake (5)
- 25 Second drink (6)
- 27 Crosswise (8)
- 28 Domestic (8)
- 29 Type of wine (6)

Down

- 1 Refined in manner (6)
- 2 Nervous person (6,4)
- 3 Poison (5)
- 4 Large number (7)
- 5 Transitory (9)
- 6 Speech impediment (4)
- 7 Courageous (8)
- 14 Greek mathematician (10)
- 15 Blooming (9)
- 17 Extremely critical (8)
- 19 Venetian boat (7)
- 23 Jacket (6)
- 24 Sporting contest (5)
- 26 Appear (4)

TO ENTER: Complete the Crossword and count how many times the letter 'f' appears in the grid. Then text **LANCELOT** followed by a space, your answer, name and postcode to **65700**, eg LANCELOT 9 John Smith W8 5TT. Texts cost £1 plus your standard network rate. To enter by phone, call **0905 652 2140** and leave your answer and details. Calls cost £1 plus your telephone company's network access charge. Entries will be accepted until 11.59pm on Friday. See below for terms and conditions. Phone and text Helpline **0330 1000 601**.

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Last week's answer: 14