

The Crusader's clues

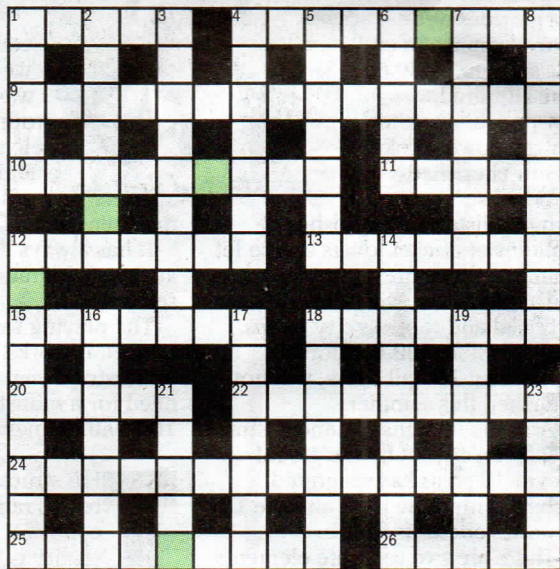
ACROSS

- 1 Moderate Labour supporter... (5)
 4 ...ostracised several men (9)
 9 Sly elf ten hooligans like (5,3,5,2)
 10 Involved story about Nottingham, in conclusion (9)
 11 Search revellers end, hearing venue closed early (5)
 12 A fashionable place in London might just... (7)
 13 ...overcharge a child for exercises (5,2)
 15 Inaction amateur obstructed (7)
 18 Our tree used to be diverting (7)
 20 Communists with gas in tears (5)
 22 Trendy daughter holding a line up (9)
 24 Not respected, brushed off? (7,4,4)
 25 Peach stone somehow untrustworthy (9)
 26 Animal wagging tail during row (5)

DOWN

- 1 'Wipe earth up' (this clue) (5)
 2 Quiet tenor entering an airport soon (7)
 3 Famous lady perhaps a nerdy sort (9)
 4 Academic point, Nick said (7)
 5 Foolish Democrat avoided... (7)
 6 ...a course, a student states (5)
 7 Food bowl's inside with school truants (2-5)
 8 Insecurity about submission (9)
 12 Diluted river in China, note (9)
 14 Understanding admiral soldiers inside salute (9)
 16 Birds left ensnared, perhaps (7)
 17 Dale making a breeze subside (7)
 18 Getting pan from apprentice unsettled (7)
 19 Pugs running around get a boost (7)
 21 Quarrel prearranged by a couple overheard (3-2)
 23 Animals surrounding tense cow (5)

Cryptic clues from our knight, and quick clues from his squire, lead to the same answers in the Crusader's Sunday joust



The Squire's clues

ACROSS

- 1 Canvas stand (5)
 4 Marginalised (9)
 9 Similar to (5,3,5,2)
 10 Embroided (9)
 11 Scrub with something abrasive (5)
 12 West End district (7)
 13 Makes use of (5,2)
 15 Held up (7)
 18 Send in a different direction (7)
 20 Rips, sunders (5)
 22 Heightened (9)
 24 Shown utter contempt (7,4,4)
 25 Deceitful (9)
 26 ___ moth (5)

DOWN

- 1 Delete (5)
 2 Before long (7)
 3 Fabled (9)
 4 Learned person (7)
 5 Deceived (7)
 6 Connections (5)
 7 Non-attenders (2-5)
 8 Respect (9)
 12 Chaired (9)
 14 Consensus (9)
 16 Small finches (7)
 17 Grow less (7)
 18 Proof of purchase (7)
 19 Improvement (7)
 21 Fight or argument (3-2)
 23 Discourage (5)

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