

The Crusader's clues

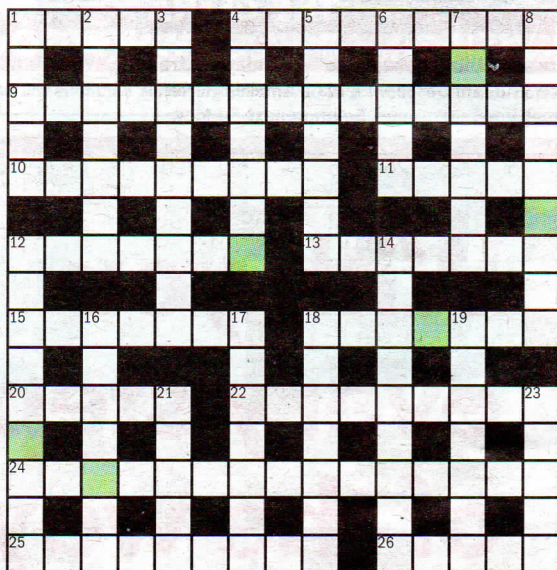
ACROSS

- 1 Many miss a part of course (5)
- 4 Good soldiers, say, with skill (9)
- 9 Nick beat padre he used to inspire (4,1,4,6)
- 10 Entrance secure after a while (9)
- 11 Star turn getting energy back (5)
- 12 Title added to middle name wrongly (7)
- 13 Stone vessel flanking grave overturned (7)
- 15 Rupees have left, leaving empty accounts (7)
- 18 Weapon some spook's about to empty (7)
- 20 Some oratory by MPs gutted constituents (5)
- 22 Removed clothing returned used (9)
- 24 GOP foe sent out with shuttle in error (4,2,3,6)
- 25 Increase in a fee a tenant has renewed (9)
- 26 Character facing items in shot seen (5)

DOWN

- 1 Quotes about unmarked items (5)
- 2 Jewellery that's worn by heels (7)
- 3 Belle's arm dislodged a trifle (5,4)
- 4 Odd covering layer is only half metal (7)
- 5 Spoke put in place faces back-to-front fool (5,2)
- 6 Insecure actor's last key shot (5)
- 7 Hit on the head, a follower fell (7)
- 8 Presented lover once hurried around a little (9)
- 12 Rene's sea rambling angers a diver (9)
- 14 Encounter beginning to rile not over (3,6)
- 16 An old hand goes, then returns (7)
- 17 Retailer insect poses initial threat (7)
- 18 Award recipients essentially don't like (7)
- 19 A weapon is a stupid one, a man said (7)
- 21 Pros running around a circular track (5)
- 23 Shrink from Dubai's capital, say (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 Lesson (5)
- 4 Well-thought-of (9)
- 9 Inhale lengthily (4,1,4,6)
- 10 Bewitch (9)
- 11 Brightest star of Cygnus (5)
- 12 Call by a wrong name (7)
- 13 Green gem (7)
- 15 Articles (7)
- 18 Small slim dagger (7)
- 20 Minute particles (5)
- 22 Worked out (9)
- 24 Spoken gaffe (4,2,3,6)
- 25 Rising again (9)
- 26 Spotted (5)

DOWN

- 1 Refers to (5)
- 2 Chains for the lower leg (7)
- 3 Trivia (5,4)
- 4 Chemical element 75 (7)
- 5 Started speaking (5,2)
- 6 Weary (5)
- 7 Struck on the noggin (7)
- 8 Displayed (9)
- 12 Marine duck (9)
- 14 Find by chance (3,6)
- 16 Revenue (7)
- 17 Phantom (7)
- 18 In attendance (7)
- 19 African spear (7)
- 21 Trail, as of a hunted animal (5)
- 23 Apprehension (5)

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