

## The Crusader's clues

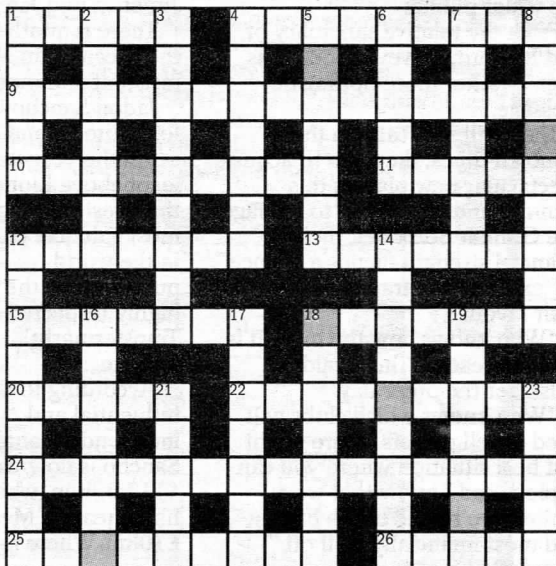
### ACROSS

- 1 Large house that faces gulf... (5)
- 4 ... (yes, Brandt hurt someone there) (9)
- 9 Turn away from lookout close... (2,3,2,8)
- 10 ...to short Arabian saint wearing something waterproof (9)
- 11 No love, we hear, for depths (5)
- 12 Rene's like Andy, content to praise (7)
- 13 Cover the queen out of respect (7)
- 15 Soldier maybe eating fruit for nourishment (7)
- 18 Stone vessel over grave's cracked (7)
- 20 Spies taking an abstainer around a room (5)
- 22 Hopeful expert vanished heartlessly (9)
- 24 It's not like patient exec took off! (4,9,2)
- 25 Favoured meres unexpectedly drained (9)
- 26 Legend strangely sounded divine (5)

### DOWN

- 1 Produce perhaps aboard punt (5)
- 2 'Drink and drive' material (7)
- 3 Chat aliens up, having a heart (4,1,4)
- 4 Split post upset wizard lost (7)
- 5 Encouragement a man rejected (7)
- 6 An invention new and strange (5)
- 7 City dweller shaved without one after daybreak (7)
- 8 Soldiers a doctor nonetheless 'brought back' (revived) (9)
- 12 Part a cleaner thespian voiced (9)
- 14 Patient charity supporter, perhaps (9)
- 16 Admissions now appropriate, to a point (7)
- 17 Current head a little prickly with a student (7)
- 18 Rested Republican has gone outside (7)
- 19 Stooped and belittled soldier back in action (7)
- 21 'Best stuff around' echoes initial... (5)
- 23 ...praise of parrot after talking back (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 Wide bay (5)
- 4 Onlooker (9)
- 9 Fold (2,3,2,8)
- 10 Heavy waterproof fabric (9)
- 11 Lowest point (5)
- 12 Entrust (7)
- 13 Protection (7)
- 15 Nutriment, food (7)
- 18 Green gemstone (7)
- 20 Space within a roof (5)
- 22 Showing a likelihood of success (9)
- 24 Have a problem with (4,9,2)
- 25 Looked like (9)
- 26 Religious (5)

### DOWN

- 1 Cause (5)
- 2 Coarse silk and wool fabric (7)
- 3 Private two-person conversation (4-1-4)
- 4 Perplexed (7)
- 5 Rebuffed (7)
- 6 Extraterrestrial (5)
- 7 City of eastern Germany (7)
- 8 Rising again (9)
- 12 Distinctive qualities (9)
- 14 Merciful (9)
- 16 Openings for fluid, as in an engine (7)
- 17 Up-to-the-minute (7)
- 18 Shored (up) (7)
- 19 Condescended (7)
- 21 Sour \_\_\_\_ (5)
- 23 Respendence (5)

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