

## The Crusader's clues

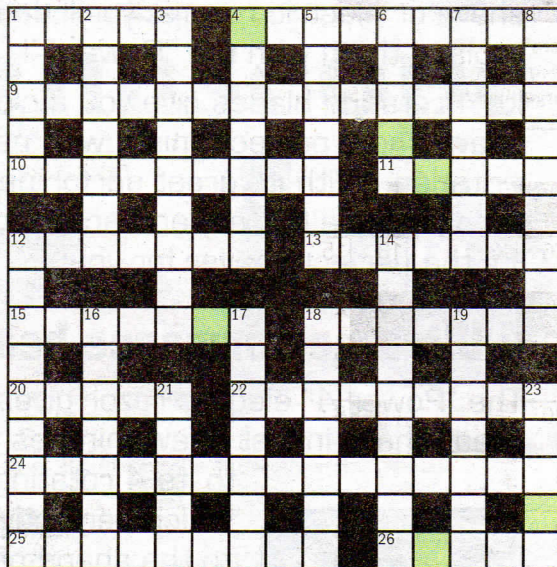
### ACROSS

- 1 King formerly with ace (5)
- 4 Agent's turned against old artiste (9)
- 9 Big money ordered for seven, twenty two? (1,6,2,6)
- 10 Perceptive cop is in here (9)
- 11 Sample some posset as test (5)
- 12 Suggested location in Hull (7)
- 13 Dead month without recreational time (7)
- 15 An unfinished game cut short (7)
- 18 Turning leaves tenor made cold rubbed (7)
- 20 I think afterwords end books (5)
- 22 Milk originally used in multiplying shakes (9)
- 24 Spectators might give one up (8,7)
- 25 School boards no longer in, having set off (9)
- 26 He painted some nudes - blast! (5)

### DOWN

- 1 See what ends boring file (5)
- 2 An animal Eliot initially charms (7)
- 3 Diligent reviser indicated (9)
- 4 Imagine French ready to settle (7)
- 5 Challenged delay holding unionists up (7)
- 6 Closure of plant after remaining open (5)
- 7 Heavenly body undergarment almost contained goes forward (5,2)
- 8 Esteemed commie catches spook right away (9)
- 12 Expert backing fish diet's wrong (9)
- 14 Rebel, when returning to get a makeover (9)
- 16 Rearing sheep breathe heavily (7)
- 17 Gone past, a fool turned around at last (7)
- 18 Another deist or bodybuilder? (7)
- 19 Expression on the face of profligate marrying (7)
- 21 She emptied and adjusted a seat (5)
- 23 Family group upsetting a star, perhaps (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 Stately (5)
- 4 Entertainer (9)
- 9 Very anxious (1,6,2,6)
- 10 Foresighted (9)
- 11 Flavour (5)
- 12 Put forward (7)
- 13 Obsolete (7)
- 15 Shorten (7)
- 18 Scuffed (7)
- 20 Weighty volumes (5)
- 22 \_\_\_ poplar (9)
- 24 Rapturous applause (8,7)
- 25 Exploded (9)
- 26 Edgar \_\_\_\_, French artist (5)

### DOWN

- 1 Seize (5)
- 2 Talismans (7)
- 3 Devoted (9)
- 4 Make believe (7)
- 5 Rebutted (7)
- 6 Observable (5)
- 7 Progresses (5,2)
- 8 Admired (9)
- 12 Skilful (9)
- 14 Rabble-rouser (9)
- 16 Widespread (7)
- 17 No longer erupting (7)
- 18 Anabolic \_\_\_ (7)
- 19 Combination (7)
- 21 Saloon car (US) (5)
- 23 Group of species (5)

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