

The Crusader's clues

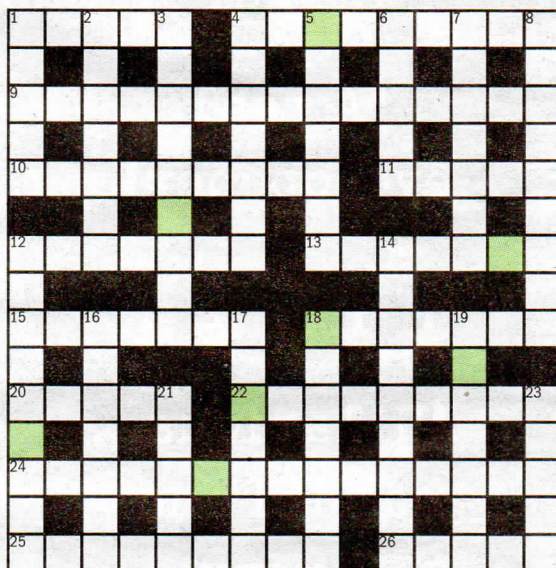
ACROSS

- 1 King not met or fought (5)
- 4 Wild speed, wild speed! (9)
- 9 Fold pass, needing line (2,3,2,8)
- 10 Evidence questions aren't making redhead miss leader (9)
- 11 A bird returned after Passover (5)
- 12 Four question you about fish (7)
- 13 Train arrives empty, going around points (5,2)
- 15 Place once poorly ventilated from the back (7)
- 18 Confused letter a theologian took (7)
- 20 Creeps, say, having died in El Salvador (5)
- 22 A soft poke somehow noteworthy (2,5,2)
- 24 Delivery man sly marcher's hat fits (6,9)
- 25 Pleasingly foxy clothes one's excited maiden's wearing (9)
- 26 Suspect affair, catching girl in Dudley's embrace (5)

DOWN

- 1 A ceremony sounded fitting (5)
- 2 Court India builds behind a plant (7)
- 3 An attacker keys a vehicle! (9)
- 4 Head off a student in error (7)
- 5 Sots start having chasers moved (7)
- 6 Best shingle around, with earth underneath (5)
- 7 Spy not entirely sorry about goals (7)
- 8 Nine herds poorly protected (9)
- 12 Many left Wales after a fee debacle (5,1,3)
- 14 Decent post cored and treated (9)
- 16 Reduce tingle effect, being hardhearted (7)
- 17 A piece of creative work left frozen? (7)
- 18 Mean lady added to suffering (7)
- 19 Male kid manipulated with a will (4,3)
- 21 Input English band deal with (3,2)
- 23 Particular blend incomplete, say, lacking core component (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 Sculled (5)
- 4 Frantic (9)
- 9 Close down (2,3,2,8)
- 10 Attestation, proof (9)
- 11 Marine duck (5)
- 12 String ____ (7)
- 13 Of daylight duration, reduces (5,2)
- 15 Ancient region on the E Adriatic (7)
- 18 Jumbled (7)
- 20 Borders (5)
- 22 Worth mentioning (2,5,2)
- 24 Santa Claus (6,9)
- 25 In an appealing way (9)
- 26 Unreliable (5)

DOWN

- 1 Correct (5)
- 2 Small fern (7)
- 3 Critic (9)
- 4 Turn aside (7)
- 5 Transferred to a different track (7)
- 6 Best of the best (5)
- 7 Meeting plans (7)
- 8 Embodied, set down (9)
- 12 Numerous (5,1,3)
- 14 Dealt with (9)
- 16 Make brighter (7)
- 17 Item, object (7)
- 18 Tightfisted (7)
- 19 With great intensity (4,3)
- 21 Take care of (3,2)
- 23 Fastidious (5)

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