



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

1. Unusual lines appearing around old part of shoe (6)
4. Papa races all over the place at an astronomical distance (6)
9. Marine killer taking out short army officer from Spanish island (4)
10. Broken down men outran team leader in competition (10)
11. Italian dynasty uses drugs but November *Echo* won't get involved (6)
12. First of the royal deeds of purchase (8)
13. Rogue causes nasty scare in first-class (9)
15. Islamic ruler takes a turn in Crimea (4)
16. Councillor, sailor, soldier or hermit? (4)
17. Colleague gets bracelet perhaps (9)
21. State of obsession follows onsets of traumatic aphasic shocks (8)
22. Good selection of expensive red (6)
24. Lender used brawn unfairly in card game (10)
25. Notorious felon loses head – and bottom! (4)
26. Head of publicity at *Echo* tailing large roo to the continent (6)
27. Dull article ended poorly (6)

DOWN

1. Liaise informally over origin of rebellion with old English PM (7)
2. Secret police almost maintaining equilibrium (5)
3. Network left room at the top along with *Echo* (7)
5. Void shrouds onset of Autumn – it's happening every year (6)
6. Semites turn up hosting old men – but not always (9)
7. Profile of count – or misrepresentation? (7)
8. Australian songbird, at fair in eastern capital, and a songbird in church! (7,6)
14. Caroline married badly – to a digger (4,5)
16. Pantomime is cleaner with promotion by *Echo* (7)
18. Warning of attack, and terrible danger, to *Echo* (2,5)
19. Soldiers don't have time for a course of therapy (7)
20. Implicate parent wrongfully (6)
23. Assist to maintain credit cutting (5)

SOLVER'S GUIDE

If you would like to demystify some of the logic behind Stephen Clarke's clues, scan this QR code for this week's solvers guide.



Quick Clues

ACROSS

1. Inner underside of a boot (6)
4. Unit for measurement of distances of stars, approximately 3.26 light years (6)
9. Black and white predatory whale (4)
10. Series of games to determine a winner or winning team (10)
11. Medieval Florentine banking family (6)
12. Pulling or being pulled; grip, as of a wheel on a road (8)
13. Wrongdoer (9)
15. Military commander or chieftain in a Muslim jurisdiction (4)
16. Decapod marine crustacean (4)
17. Supplementary part; assistant (9)
21. Last habitat of the thylacine (8)
22. Farmhouse or country house, and its stables and other buildings (6)
24. Dealer in pledged articles (10)
25. Cut of beef between the loin and the round (4)
26. Northern land mass comprising forty-five countries (6)
27. Make less sensitive or intense (6)

DOWN

1. Citizen of a small Eastern Mediterranean state (7)
2. Secret police of East Germany (5)
3. Screen of crossed bars, often used to frame climbing plants (7)
5. Lasting or living for a year (6)
6. Occasionally (9)
7. Outline (7)
8. Australian actress and singer of songs for children (7,6)
14. Gina Rinehart, for example (4,5)
16. Riddle enacted syllable by syllable (7)
18. An alert to assume a defensive position (2,5)
19. System of government; course of treatment (7)
20. Snare (6)
23. Unpleasantly pungent or sharp to taste or smell (5)

Last week's solution #35

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