## Puzzler




## ACROSS

1 Formal cessation of hostilities $(5,6)$
8 Disentangle (7)
9 Jump in shock (5)
11 Large flightless bird (3)
12 Very cruel (7)
13 Steer clear of (5)
14 Using a keyboard (6)
16 $\qquad$ O'Connor, Irish singer (6)
19 The length of (5)
21 Beasts (7)
23 Finale (3)
24 Dress in, clothe yourself in $(3,2)$
25 Follow suit (7)
26 Protection for bikers $(5,6)$

## DOWN

2 Soil (5)
3 Neanderthal, perhaps (7)
4 Natural gift (6)
5 Follow on from (5)
6 Currant bun (3-4)
7 Holiday venue for naturists $(6,4)$
10 Homer epic ( 3,7 )
15 Intriguer (7)
17 First letter of a name (7)
18 Small red salad plant (6)
20 Class, species (5)
22 Traditional saying (5)


These mini puzzles are our Ultra Quick Crosswords. How quickly can you solve them?

## ULTRA QUICK CROSSWORD 3

## ACROSS

1 Knorr product $(5,4)$
6 Animal's skin (4)
7 Topped, as a cake (4)
8 Thrust with a knife (4)
10 Electrical cord (4)
12 Ship's steering post (4)
14 Drug (a racehorse) (4)
15 Calmly and
uncomplainingly (9)

DOWN
2 Larceny (5)
3 Slice (3)
4 Main, most important (5)
5 Cricket extra (3)
9 Disney deer film (5)
11 Permanently exclude from school (5)
13 Distinctive period of time (3) 14 Animal's lair (3)


## ULTRA QUICK CROSSWORD 4

## ACROSS

1 Not playing well $(3,2,4)$
6 Royal head-dress (5)
7 Common climbing plant (3)
8 Allergy spots (4)
10 Untidy heap (4)
13 Travel across snow (3)
14 Passageway between pews (5)
16 Comfy seat $(4,5)$

DOWN
1 Hollywood award (5)
2 Pair, couple (3)
3 __ off, parry (4)
4 Black or green cocktail fruit (5)
531 -day month (3)
9 __roll, jam-filled cake (5)
11 Fleece (a sheep) (5)
12 Body dusting powder (4)
13 View, look at (3)
15 Health resort (3)

## ULTRA QUICK CROSSWORD 5

## ACROSS

5 Inhabit (a country) (8)
6 Goodyear product (4)
7 Or $\qquad$ , otherwise (4)
8 Match official (3)
9 Dishonest scheme (4)
11 Friend during a conflict (4)
13 Tottery (8)

DOWN
1 Sacred (4)
2 Furthest away (9)
3 __ lie, blatant untruth (9)
4 Not as much (4)
10 Buddy, pal (4)
12 Outdoor swimming pool (4)


## 6 Jolly Mixtures

In this puzzle each clue is simply an anagram of the answer - but watch out! There might be more than one possible solution to each clue. For instance, the clue "TALE" might lead to the answer "LATE" or "TEAL". You'll have to look at how the answers fit into the grid and find out which alternative is correct.

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ACROSS
    2 SILENCED
    5 SEXIST
    8 ARC
    9 MARINE
10 IDEALS
1 2 ~ N I B
13 KAYO
16 FATE
17 SEAPORT
18 PANES
20 MOOR
22 NIGHT
23 ROVE
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24 BEAST
26 ENDURES
29 DICE
31 PART
32 CAT
34 TEA SET
37 TAIPAN
38 SAW
39 ENCASE
40 GELDINGS

DOWN
1 CANOED
2 RESCALE
3 TIME
4 CRIMPS
5 ARE
6 SIT
7 MISREADS
11 EEL
14 STINTED
15 ABRIDGE
16 GOFER
19 DRAPE
21 FORENSIC

25 INTERIM
27 SCREES
28 PRANGS
30 TEA
33 DRAW
35 WAN
36 WEE


## ACROSS

1 Caterpillars, grubs etc (6)
4 Catch out or stumble $(4,2)$
9 Italian red wine (7)
10 Big stones (5)
11 Manages (5)
12 Writer's assumed moniker (3-4)
13 Containers for carrying food or drink (5)
15 American word for chips (5)
20 Entertainment industry (7)
22 Roman god of love (5)
24 So as to be heard (5)
25 Grabs forty winks (7)
26 Itemised, registered (6)
27 $\qquad$ dioxide, greenhouse gas (6)

## DOWN

1 Track down (6)
2 Royal period in office (5)
3 Forgiveness (7)
5 Repeat broadcast (5)
6 Bundle of things wrapped and tied up (7)
7 Adhesives (6)
8 Chilly (5)
14 Unruly (7)
16 Variety of Italian cheese (7)
17 Tel Aviv's country (6)
18 Native of Prague (5)
19 Famous American inventor (6)
21 Shift (5)
23 Alternative strategy (4,1)


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ACROSS
1 Track and field events (9)
8 Give for a time (4)
9 Capital of the
Netherlands (9)
10 World's longest
river (4)
13 Roosters (5)
16 Concerning
the kidneys (5)
17 Boon (5)
18 Utopian (5)
19 Husks separated from wheat (5)
20 Yarns, stories (5)
21 Over-particular, finicky (5)
24 Baked birthday treat (4)
27 SE Asian state (9)
28 Minute (4)
29 Encroachment (9)

## DOWN

2 $\qquad$ Raider, computer game (4)
3 Behind schedule (4)
4 Human trunk (5)
5 Petula __, 1960s singer (5)
6 Land jutting out from a mainland (9)
7 Make known (9)
11 Brilliance (9)
12 Revealing (9)
13 Steep rock face (5)
14 Ships' companies (5)
15 Seasoned with sodium chloride (5)
22 __ Jack, flag (5)
23 Tea sweetener (5)
25 Gorillas, eg (4)
26 Composition for three (4)


ACROSS
1 Minimum number for a meeting (6)
5 Injury, discoloured skin (6)
8 Wide separation (4)
9 Kidnapped (8)
10 Round-the-house garment (6)
11 Prevents, wards off (6)
12 Wicked (4)
14 Small label (3)
15 Contested (4)
16 Horn of a deer (6)
18 Distress call (6)
20 Confused excitement $(4,4)$
22 Airport boarding point (4)
23 Just, almost (6)
24 Warning devices (6)

## DOWN

2 Complete reversal of direction (1-4)
3 Non-acceptance (7)
4 Animal that lives on the flesh of others (4-5)
5 Sprout (3)
6 Male relative (5)
7 Small dog similar in appearance to a collie (7)
11 Disputes (9)
13 Ice-cream flavour (7)
15 Sea traveller (7)
17 Metric liquid measurement (5)
19 $\qquad$ Villa, Midlands soccer club (5)
21 Type of lentil (3)

## ACROSS

3 Depressed (3)
7 Dinner jacket, in America (6)
8 Busy (6)
9 Car driver (8)
10 Non-gloss (4)
11 Hard on the patience (6)
12 Sir Isaac $\qquad$ English
scientist (6)
15 Total chaos (6)
18 Publishes (6)
20 Daringly trendsetting (4)
22 Emerge again (8)
23 Privileged admission (6)
24 Body of new recruits (6)
25 Performed (3)

## DOWN

1 Indulge, gratify (6)
2 Monument (8)
3 Failing or mislaying (6)
4 Bleach, make paler (6)
5 Dirty froth or foam (4)
6 Parisian cafe (6)
11 Bill run up in a bar (3)
13 Racing dogs (8)
14 UK's medical organisation (inits)(3)
16 Finale or termination (6)
17 Coalesced (6)
18 Calm, unruffled (6)
19 Metal lines for trains (6)
21 City to the north-east of Leeds (4)


## SOLUTIONS

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## 2



## 3



## 4

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## 10



