

The Hindu Crossword No. 2699

Across

- 1 Captain playing well in match (7)
- 5 Stop after snake makes for pitch (7)
- 9 Bird dog needing no lead (5)
- 10 Sister in party dress is able to (9)
- 11 Sailor, man wearing oilskin hat (9)
- 12 Plainly caught by king (5)
- 13 Husband has quarrel about film of Tube station (6-2-3-4)
- 15 Brief description of a person and his sailing boat? (9,6)
- 19 Father carrying weapon in Italian city (5)
- 20 Complicated? Present in further detail (9)
- 22 Pal with toucan cut up a melon (9)
- 23 Friend in a plane, latest from Mexico (5)
- 24 Joy and editor taken out (7)
- 25 A motel demolished at back of Nelson's Column (7)

Down

- 1 Teach wrongly about male cat (7)
- 2 Name one German river (5)
- 3 Herb used by Lear's daughter stuffing two ducks (7)
- 4 Conventional place for white lines? (6-2-3-4)
- 5 Floor covering in a church beneath cross – note part damaged round end of aisle (9,6)
- 6 Criticise a revolutionary's swagger (7)
- 7 St Michael converted one trying to find the elixir of life (9)
- 8 Climber to catch up on exercise, we hear (7)
- 14 Anagram bottom row (9)
- 15 Mimic brings matter to be printed about opening of theatre (7)
- 16 Resolute man, social worker (7)
- 17 Wise guy corrected on walk round centre of Ely (4-3)
- 18 Dance floor – see weed coming over? (7)
- 21 Maxim's in the morning, about ten after ten (5)

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Solution No. 2698

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