

The Hindu Crossword No. 2730

Across

- 1 Half of answer covered by forceful political publication (7)
- 5 Marsh bird from intensely cold north (7)
- 9 *Send in the Clowns* – those two hum song off-key (3,4,4,2,2)
- 10 This could be up to one to become more communicative (4,3)
- 11 Tenor has money in annuity scheme (7)
- 12 Relish latest of paintings placed in gallery (5)
- 14 Two girls after original of toy of little value (3,1,5)
- 16 Australian brings in good books for binding (9)
- 17 Confidential information about extremely unusual flower (5)
- 19 Popular, more robust gas mask (7)
- 21 Soiled article found by relative (7)
- 23 Beeswax? Ruin most of upholstery, if badly applied (9,6)
- 24 Rectified awful deed involving servants (7)
- 25 Modeller, American, caught in a dust storm (7)

Down

- 1 Recently stolen on the base, with all possible speed (7)
- 2 Relative, over-particular about everything initially (5)
- 3 A quiet spot overlooking a northern museum (9)
- 4 Entirely where a lift may be going (4,2,3,6)
- 5 Frank, an agent with a weapon, perhaps (5,10)
- 6 Person of great strength beat Italian inside (5)
- 7 Moving out of island motel that's shabby outside (9)
- 8 Theatre director visiting new Rye convent (7)
- 13 Swell cleaner pocketed an additional amount (9)
- 15 Spell out what the voter should do? (3,6)
- 16 Likes dancing to include very loud 50's music (7)
- 18 Haggard, parking, moved slowly (7)
- 20 I must interrupt fat Scottish landowner (5)
- 22 English girl in musical (5)

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Solution No. 2729

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