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Cryptic • by RK



ACROSS

1,5-across

Each big absence is problematic for Green (7,7)

5 See 1-across

9 Reorganise when Jack breaks contracted rule (5)

10 Dud report badly stuck out (9)

11 He once was wild about top lieutenant's rank (7)

12 Look after working connective tissue (6)

15,28-across

Poke into scrambled audio or use it to talk to spirits (5,5)

16 Unusual, but learnt to put vinyl on this (9)

19 Sent me ten fans for apartments (9)

20 Unwell, residing in the French city (5)

21 Show feelings after Romeo's isolated (6)

24 Choose outside actor, oddly, for Irish saint (7)

27 Uncomfortable sampling vanilla tea selection (3,2,4)

28 See 15-across

29 Pencilled a line about the way leaves did this, perhaps (7)

30 Journal covers core genetics relating to food intake (7)

DOWN

1 Broadcast took the heart out of cable (4)

2 Shot disturbed nice joint (9)

3 Top mare goes after dog losing its head on 21-across racecourse (5,4)

4 Using detailed ploy to obstruct leaving? (10)

5 Edit photo collection (4)

6 Forcefully rush fifth Avengers, cutting Stark (5) ~~force~~

7 Cushioned blow first, then spoke further (5)

8 Goal ticked off or put in jeopardy? (10)

13 Craftily fix the error without husband or the dog (3,7)

14 With media on top, each to proceed with determination (5,5)

17 On reflection, the Spanish uncovered carpark is OK (9)

18 Short black contains a very hot liquid - it's warming for skiers (9)

22 Spies birthmarks (5)

23 Took trail when not even complete (5)

25 Group not allowed to speak (4)

26 Bear heading off to swirling water (4)

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