

SPRING BANK HOLIDAY CROSSWORD CHEAT SHEET

Many (not all) cryptic crossword clues are in two parts: (i) something to indicate the answer and (ii) the word play – references to the letters that make up the answer. *However*, in this crossword there are 10 theme words for which there is only the wordplay – nothing else to indicate the answer other than the knowledge that it is one of the theme words.

Only *partial* guidance is given here – the answers will be in our next issue. The words that indicate the answer are in bold; if the actual letters that form the word play are shown, these are upper case.

Across

- 1 **Enthralled:** Accompany = BE WITH; journalist = editor = ED; travelling round = surrounding; about = circa = C.
6 **Theme word:** A BRA = a support, crumbling = anagram.
8 **Dummy:** another = anagram (of NAME); QUIN = one of five.
9 **At sea:** in = embedded within the following text.
10 **Theme word:** confused = anagram (of HAS); second thoughts = PPS (at end of a letter for example).
11 **Speak bluntly:** should = OUGHT; get in = surrounding; it back = TI; includes R (right).
12 **Fringe:** Colourful chap = RED ROB; goes back = written in reverse.
15 **Sand (desert):** topped and tailed = remove S from Sahara and E from like; shifting = anagram.
16 **Sea life:** it's said = homophone of 'so' = SEW; keeps = surrounds; one = I; healthy = HALE.
19 **Theme word:** camp = FEY, leaders = in front; firm = company = CO; strong = F (musical notation).
21 **Affects budget:** construction = anagram of FAST LINE.
22 **Theme word:** played = anagram (of HAS); around = surrounding; member = ARM.
24 **Seams:** regularly = at regular intervals – in this case, alternate letters, starting with the S in use.
25 **Suggestion:** upset = anagram (of DON); after = following; suffering = anagram (of ENNUI).
26 **Theme word:** Soldiers = MEN; Sailors = RN; T = leading letter in 'the'; quit = subtract (from GOVERNMENT).
27 **A meal:** king = R (rex); gets involved = within; bill = BEAK; firm = FAST.

Down

- 1 **Tourist attraction:** a composer works in (musical) bars = BACH; E = a musical note.
2 **Delivered:** Mid = in the middle of; day = WED; assistance = HELP (between W and E).
3 **Theme word:** faith = TRUS(T); short, so without last letter; S = direction (south).
4 **Theme word:** political party = ANC; in debt = in HOCK.
5 **A low point:** upset = anagram (of SAID TO); LIC = middle (heart of) Alice.
6 **Local hero:** not quite (shortened) = RIGH(t); about = surrounding; strong drink = ALE.
7 **Leading role:** variety = anagram of; SHOW, European = E; artists = RA RA (Royal Academy).
13 **Three:** maths at its most basic!
14 **Sunday fare:** ruins = anagram; learner = L.
17 **Theme word:** We = WE; hold = surrounding; everyone = ALL; account = AC.
18 **Theme word:** European = E; union = TUC, is = IS; upset = anagram; England = E.
20 **Green gentians:** ruler = ER (queen); short (omit last letter) of SAFAR(i); travelling = anagram.
22 **Theme word:** leaders = first (initial) letters (of the given text).
23 **In:** two courses = MI (M1 motorway) and ST (street); issue = D (daughter).