

October 2025 Slot 2 by Ninian

Across

- 1 Saw favourable part of speech (7)
- 5 Crystal has two pints and an unknown chaser (6)
- 9 Cleverly remodelled statue - Liberty disheartened (8)
- 10 Remove obstacle from country club's crest! (6)
- 11 Irish city of different ilk harbouring organised crime (8)
- 12 Lie back - go without dessert (6)
- 14 Roughly left 50c on the help desk (4,6)
- 18 Drover charged - smuggling fleece (10)
- 22 Following a person of faith, Elsa trimmed precious possessions (6)
- 23 A positive indicator seen in a Swiss standard (4,4)
- 24 Settles for the night in short North Melbourne side street facing west (6)
- 25 Shred note and create mayhem (8)
- 26 *Twisted Sister* hit back (6)
- 27 Make clear to one included in plot after king was beheaded (7)

Down

- 1 Tolls across river are present for 30 years (6)
- 2 Choose one degree for high points (6)
- 3 Exact - formerly wrong (6)
- 4 Masks desserts containing 12 centre (10)
- 6 Superfluous uniform - knight born and died without one (8)
- 7 Recants note on short treatises (8)
- 8 Delivery system identifiers have, say, five eights for Santa (3,5)
- 13 Give the cat a brew of tea that is below a standard measure (10)
- 15 One of twelve is understudy for wizard (8)
- 16 Scarlet clubs giants in the forest (8)
- 17 Current and old style cocktail for those who attend (8)
- 19 Dormant viper taking shelter (6)

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- 20 Those who are blind at parties hit this cocktail (6)
- 21 Tavern hosts short term resident (6)