

Times Quick Cryptic No 3194 by Wurm

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ACROSS

- 1 Patriarch backing wicked Tory (8)
- 5 Finish second to peloton’s leader (4)
- 9 Endlessly cunning vixen (5)
- 10 Heather penning books – saucy ones? (7)
- 11 What one cold year could be? (3)
- 12 Old spaceman’s weapon powerful (9)
- 13 Acting company moving to Peru (6)
- 15 Poem shown in text regularly (6)
- 17 Cleaner keeping Charles for patron (9)
- 19 Power and energy beginning to assist plant (3)
- 20 Small child to argue in deprived area (4,3)
- 21 Chapter in story reversing brilliant success (5)
- 22 Continuous pain expert rings hospital (4)
- 23 Intellectually deep expert discovered (8)

DOWN

- 1 Book to help musician (7)
- 2 US bowler in local match (5)
- 3 State where man’s hip receives treatment (3,9)
- 4 Best stuff about English (5)
- 6 King I see wearing ripped hat (7)
- 7 Police initially called to crash (5)
- 8 Reassemble tediously for work at home? (2-2-8)
- 14 Fantastic hero is good as Shrek say (7)
- 16 Tried eating duck lightly browned (7)
- 17 Italian food in shop a staple (5)
- 18 Seamstress in underground conduit (5)
- 19 Rice dish Pauli ruined (5)