

David's Revenge Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
ABDICATE	A Leave to relax around upstanding policemen (8)	ABATE outside (CID reversed)
SUPERB	B Grand vessel goes about by means of... (6)	SUB outside PER [R]
CHITARRA	C Child Arabic artist makes a guitar (8)	CHIT + AR + RA
SELF-OPINIONATED	D Conceited model painted life and so on (4-11)	Anagram of PAINTED LIFE SO ON [R]
CHILDE	E Noble youth finds a penny in the country (6)	D inside CHILE [R]
FINICKY	F Fussy, spoilt if not troublesome (7)	Anagram of IF + N(ot) + ICKY
GOFFER	G Good initial bid for flute (6)	(G)OOD + OFFER
PSYCH	H Stimulate section of autopsy check (5)	autoPSY CHeck [R]
COLIBRI	I A hummingbird Colin found with one broken rib (7)	COL + I + anagram of RIB [R]
JANDALS	J "John, the Dutch lads ruined some footwear" (7)	JAN + anagram of LADS*
FREE KICK	K Penalty is not tied to protest (4,4)	FREE + KICK [R]
EXEQUIAL	L Without even swallowing one word concerning funeral rites (8)	EX + (EQUAL outside I) [R]
MUSIQUE CONCRÈTE	M Arrange, consume and record short quiet music (7,8)	Anagram of CONSUME REC QUIET
NOGGIN	N Ongoing decentralised treatment for head? (6)	Anagram of ONG(O)ING
INTARSIO	O I train so inexpertly for marquetry [R] (8)	Anagram of I TRAIN SO*
SOUP	P Nothing in to eat for photograph developer (4)	O inside SUP [R]
QUARREL	Q Question a ruler is prepared to argue (7)	Q + anagram of A RULER

TRICKER	R Cheat is right in heart (7)	R inside TICKER* [R]
SHIFTERS	S Movers' tools (8)	Double Definition
TRANSITION	T Change into new position after bad strain (10)	Anagram of INTO after anagram of STRAIN
UNREASONED	U It is groundless, as one came in under arrangement... (10)	(AS + ONE) inside anagram of UNDER
VOYEURS	V ...against a Scottish grandchild with sure conditioning for peeping Toms (7)	V + OY + anagram of SURE
UNCLEW	W Relative will start to unwind (6)	UNCLE + (W)ILL [R]
ANNEX	X Join broken axe with two directions? (5)	Anagram of AXE outside NN [R]
UGLY	Y Foul gully spillage left for removal (4)	Anagram of GULLY minus L [R]
ZOSTER	Z Zest or a conversion of shingles (6)	Anagram of ZEST OR

[R] indicates the answer must be inserted in reverse order

* indicates a clue that would still meet today's Stickler standards

