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| Across | Clue | Explanation |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 CURASSOW | Game bird and dog like plant (8) | CUR + AS + SOW |
| 5 ERASER | Rubber wearers changed after the end of show (6) | Anagram of W(EARERS) |
| 10 MANDATE | Staff meeting's directive (7) | MAN + DATE |
| 11 ENDEMIC | Indigenous mice tortured beyond extreme limit (7) | Anagram of MICE after <br> END |
| 12 <br> DUODECIMO | Pair ordered medico's small book (9) | DUO + anagram of <br> MEDICO |
| 13 SIT-IN | Demonstration is about mining company's possiblele\| <br> target (3-2) | IS reversed + TIN |
| 14 WRAP | Cover "The Sound of Music" (4) | Sounds like RAP |
| 16 <br> ENDOGAMY | Tribal marriage done deviously by brave (8) | Anagram of DONE + <br> GAMY |
| 19 FLOURISH | Fine food is hard to show off (8) | FLOUR + IS + H |
| 20 USER | One who employs bruiser not hampered by broken <br> rib (4) | BRUISER minus anagram of <br> RIB |
| 23 HABIT | High somewhat? That's addiction (5) | H + (A BIT) |
| 24 SOUNDS | Complete course without finishing questions (6,3) | SOUND + (SOUT)H |
| OUT |  |  |


| Down | Clue | Explanation |
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| 1 COMEDOWN | Humour cut short by individual's disappointment (8) | (COMED)Y + OWN |
| 2 RUN TO | Reach round behind weed (3,2) | O after RUNT |
| 3 SHAVEN | Small retreat is lacking coverage (6) | S + HAVEN |
| 4 ONE-SIZE- <br> FITS-ALL | Adaptable headwear is held up by Allies not at sea <br> $(3-4-4-3)$ | (FEZ IS) reversed <br> inside anagram of <br> ALLIES NOT |
| 6 REDESIGN | Modernise shipping flag without input of navy initially (8) | RED ENSIGN minus <br> (N)AVY |
| 7 SOMETIMES | The writer backed issue in appeal for help occasionally (9) | [ME + (EMIT <br> reversed)] inside SOS |
| 8 RACING | Circuit maintaining air-conditioning is operating at great <br> speed (6) | RING outside AC |
| 9 SECOND <br> THOUGHTS | Revised opinion on world's end still accepted in sects <br> $(6,8)$ | [ON + WORL(D) + <br> THOUGH] inside <br> SECTS |
| 15 AT <br> LIBERTY | Available lithium used in new sort of battery (2,7) | LI inside anagram of <br> BATTERY |
| 17 HUNT <br> DOWN | Pursue and capture leader of desperadoes in savage <br> community (4,4) | (D)ESPERADOES <br> inside (HUN + <br> TOWN) |
| 18 CRETONNE | Crew reduced weight and heavy material (8) | (CRE)W + TONNE |
| 21 WHIP UP | Who docked one little dog to provoke? (4,2) | (WH)O + I + PUP |
| 22 ADJUST | Make small changes to notice placed at entrance to fair (6) | AD + JUST |
| 25 OUTRE | Eccentric is known about (5) | OUT + RE |
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