

AFR Cryptic (Saturday 30/3/2019) Solution

¹ H	O	² S	T	³ E	D		⁴ F	⁵ A	R	⁶ C	I	⁷ C	A	⁸ L
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²⁵ P		T		C		L		L		S		L		V
²⁶ E	A	R	A	C	H	E		²⁷ L	A	T	T	I	C	E
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²⁸ S	E	P	A	R	A	T	E		²⁹ G	A	N	G	E	S

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 HOSTED	Those reassigned by head of department provided entertainment (6)	Anagram of THOSE + (D)epartment
4 FARCICAL	Absurd curved shape one noticed in hide of new-born calf? (8)	(ARC + I) inside anagram of CALF
9 STAYS UP	Guy, with sign of infection returning, doesn't go to bed (5,2)	STAY + (PUS reversed)
11 TEA BAGS	These may need to be potted to get results (3,4)	Cryptic Definition
12 INFINITESIMAL	Very little batting time is not usual during final (13)	IN + (anagram of TIME IS inside FINAL)
14 AFRAID	A loud attack is cowardly (6)	A + F + RAID
15 CANOODLE	Pet ducks eaten by wicked thing? (8)	OO inside CANDLE
18 LABELLED	Foreign beauty, hugged by young man, is named (8)	BELLE inside LAD
20 ACT FOR	Replace ring in reconditioned craft (3,3)	O inside anagram of CRAFT
23 STORAGE DEVICE	Computer equipment got erased mistakenly before failing (7,6)	Anagram of GOT ERASED + VICE
26 EARACHE	A race rescheduled by the man is a problem for listener (7)	Anagram of A RACE + HE
27 LATTICE	Trellis at back of unit covered in insects (7)	[AT + unit(T)] inside LICE
28 SEPARATE	Individual's copies backed price (8)	APES reversed + RATE
29 GANGES	Associated groups gathered on banks of East Asian river (6)	GANGS outside E

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 HOSPITABLE	Helpful shop replaced one piece of furniture (10)	Anagram of SHOP + I + TABLE
2 STAFFER	Unlimited offer accepted by leading employee? (7)	o)FFE(r inside STAR
3 ESSENTIAL	Reissuing of lease isn't necessary (9)	Anagram of LEASE ISNT
5 & 22-down ARTESIAN WELL	Saline water contaminated large water source (8,4)	Anagram of SALINE WATER + L
6 CHASM	Opening has materialised in middle of Pac-Man? (5)	HAS inside pa(CM)an
7 CRADLED	Arm of climber on wobbly ladder should be supported (7)	(C)limber + anagram of LADDER
8 LOST	Group of retreating foot soldiers not able to be found (4)	fooT SOLDiers reversed
10 PUTT	Golf shot backed up time and time again (4)	UP reversed + T + T
13 RETRIEVERS	Go-getters are missing a version used in tests (10)	(ARE minus A) + (VER inside TRIES)
16 ORCHESTRA	He's engaged by actors involved with playing group (9)*	This clue is faulty
17 RED ALERT	Opening of roads altered amended state of emergency (3,5)	(R)oads + anagram of ALTERED
19 BUS TRIP	Arrest unsettled sea journey (3,4)	BUST + RIP
21 FAILING	Fellow not very well is going down hill (7)	F + AILING
22	See 5-down	
24 OCCUR	Come about scoundrel after company in recession (5)	CUR after (CO reversed)
25 PENS	Locks away stationery items (4)	Double Definition

*The clue published for ORCHESTRA was faulty. My apologies.