Crossword 15,608 Set by Mudd

ACROSS
1 Get behind the team – as behind! (8)
5 Religious retreat in wood on strike (6)
10 Do well with fish, about ten caught (5)
11 I waste positive gesture backing old reptile (9)
12 Most angular runner, home around the centre of Munich (9)
13 Computer images somewhat basic on screen (5)
14 Old mathematician, modern heavyweight (6)
15 One putting things on an item of furniture (7)
18 100% in exam is most unlikely (7)
20 Does gorilla have the skill to nibble? (6)
22 Carp left with coating of batter? (5)
24 Share a third of riches hoarded by old twins, woman allocating what’s left (9)
25 Players co-star with her cast (9)
26 Put in post, he tagged an old letter (5)
27 Figure in film in Manhattan, perhaps? (6)
28 Weapon, something fired further (8)

DOWN
1 Article in French city is bust (6)
2 Dye, black mineral covering backbone (9)
3 ‘Listen’ as a result of this quiet punishment? (9)
4 Split in row, some kind of cinema? (5-2)
6 Young firm flower in Surrey isn’t going to seed (7,8)
7 Olympic hosts welcoming commercial broadcasting medium (5)
8 Preaching rabbi’s heading inside home of the little piggies? (8)
9 Might a fish be so bitterly disappointed? (6)
16 Animated character turning sour here, power restricted (9)
17 Tough bit remaining innate (8)
19 Score disappeared during play, though not zero (6)
20 On the table, the white line discussed before party (3,4)
21 Entering river, stop briefly to breathe out (6)
23 One’s time has passed, a Tory no more? (2-3)

Solution 15,607

Solution 15,596

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