



Across

- 1 Problems for Jack? They're not 9 (5) flats (Double cryptic definition - In music flat notes are not natural notes. Flats (tyres) are a problem requiring a jack.)
- 4 Recurring pattern in tile design - bats vomit! (9) leitmotiv (Recurring pattern - TILE* (anagram='design')+ VOMIT* (anagram='bats'))
- 9 Organic colour returns to mountain (7) natural (Organic - Reversal (returns) of TAN (colour) + URAL (mountain))
- 10 Follow celebrity with a brilliant body (3,4) Dog Star (Brilliant body / Bright Sun - DOG (follow) + STAR (celebrity))
- 11 Wrongly worth a shot (5) throw (A shot - WORTH* (anagram='wrongly'))
- 12 Food transporters surprising Ohio with first garden peas (9) oesophagi (Food transporters (in the body) - Anagram ('surprising') of OHIO + G[arden] (first letter) + PEAS)
- 13 Steam Lord into expensive art (3,6) old master (Expensive art - Anagram (changes 'into') of STEAM + LORD)
- 14 Where babies can flourish wrapped in cute ribbons (5) uteri (Where babies can flourish - Hidden word ('wrapped in') from [c]UTE RI[bbons])
- 15 Telephone house first to find a place to stay (5) hotel (Place to stay - TEL (abbrev. for telephone) with HO (abbrev. for house) first)
- 17 Cage holds back Middle-Eastern narcissist (9) egomaniac (Narcissist - Reversal (back) of CAGE holding OMANI (Middle-Eastern))
- 19 Money provided for deals that unravel in the middle (9) defrayals (Money provided - FRAY (unravel) in the middle of DEALS)
- 21 Leader in desserts even collected an Italian sweet (5) dolce (Italian sweet - D[esserts] (leading letter) + [c]O[l]L[e]C[t]E[d] (even letters))
- 22 What to wear generally (7) overall (Double definition)
- 23 17's holiday (3,4) ego trip (a TRIP (holiday) for 17A (egomaniac))
- 24 What Susan has in the garden? (5,4) black eyes (Cryptic definition - Black-eyed Susan is a garden plant)
- 25 Drain off to lowest level (5) nadir (Lowest level - DRAIN* (anagram='off'))

Down

- 1** Charge jagged crest to find something to search with (4-7,4) fine-toothed comb (Something to search with - FINE (charge) + TOOTHED (jagged) + COMB (crest, on a bird))
- 2** Playing reed after key changed (7) altered (Changed - REED* (anagram='playing') after ALT (computer key))
- 3** It's crazy to make a mess of party (9) screwball (Crazy - SCREW (make a mess of) + BALL (party))
- 4** Our ladies tears relating to depression in the wake of Elizabeth (4,2,3,6) lily of the valley (Also called 'our ladies tears' - OF THE (relating to) + VALLEY (depression) after (in the wake of) LILY (nickname for Elizabeth))
- 5** Hard-working sun issues no dirt (15) industriousness (Hard-working - Anagram ('working', doing double duty) of SUN ISSUES NO DIRT)
- 6** Study gum? (3,2) mug up (Study - MUG written UPwards is GUM)
- 7** Acid test for bird speed (7) titrate (Acid test - TIT (bird) + RATE (speed))
- 8** Richmond stalker with a woodbine (8,7) Virginia creeper (Also known as Woodbine - CREEPER (stalker) from VIRGINIA (Richmond is the capital))
- 14** Unevenly happy with feathers (2,3,4) up and down (Unevenly - UP (happy) + AND (with) + DOWN (feathers))
- 16** Silky material and a Welsh flower should be here by then (7) taffeta (Silky material - TAFF (Welsh flower/river) + ETA (Estimated Time of Arrival))
- 18** Bad-mannered bride with large, long bouquet (3-4) ill-bred (Bad-mannered - Anagram ('bouquet'/arrangement) of BRIDE + L (large) + L (long))
- 20** Not enough regret (5) alack (Exclamation of regret - A LACK = not enough)