

The theme in this puzzle was inspired by a puzzle of Araucaria in a recent edition of the Guardian.

Across

9 Level of Scottish brooks after 22 requires more than 22 10 (6,5)

10 Unspoken, not half, after 22's a relief (3)

11 Solvent's excellent quality (7)

13 Sheltered by weatherproof fences after 22 - a picked apple perhaps? (7)

14 Constraint on Cephas in ancient Syria (quite the reverse) (9)

15 The smallest fault overwhelmed a saint (5)

16 Horrible pain, sir? Not after taking this (7)

19 Feared unqualified editor would take on Queen (7)

22/24 Properly organised ferment isn't mad; it allows freedom of speech (5,9)

26 Select one against after 22's original version (7)

27 Funny looking ruffian's taken for a ride here? (7)

30 Baby gear? (3)

31 Re-engineer hottest apps after 22 for a winning system? (4,3,4)

Down

1 Philosophically, absolute truth's almost perfect (4)

2 Fever found at the tail end of plague (4)

3 Snare for mercenaries captures one responsible for 22 24 (8)

4 Aim to disagree (6)

5 Such cars, when repaired, could make our racers mad (8)

6 On general release, new fuels are handy (6)

7 Principal area of utility supplier's network finally agreed (8)

8 Made reference to puff and a half a portion of weed (8)

12 Catholic girl after 22's top-notch (5)

16 Gangster redeployed forces outside (8)

17 Time to see two rivers and a mountain (8)

18 One of the criteria for judging cattle? (8)

20 Drive round bend after stop and put in peril (8)

21 Tours at night almost create tiredness (5)

23 Hallucinatory attempt to keep one very quiet (6)

25 Do f-feet, sweetheart, appear decadent (6)

28 Scot's one working for a long time (4)

29 Feta recipe held back after 22's superb (4)

