

York S&B 2026 A puzzle by Exit

There is no theme as such to this puzzle but solvers may note a passing reference in one clue to one of the venues for this event.

ACROSS

- 1** Fantastic opera featuring Jupiter's second moon (6)
- 5** Revolutionary start to dossier after incomplete file stolen (7)
- 10** Tasks requiring attention – all in Spanish! (2-3)
- 11** Obsessive geisha distraught losing husband, feeling pain? On the contrary (9)
- 12** More talk when criminal initially flees – will this get him back? (11)
- 13** Joshua's father's sister (3)
- 14** Egad! Look back over 80 years, say (3,3)
- 15** Music composed about Bill (8)
- 18** Hole in cheaper tureen (8)
- 21** Usurper, ousting last king, confused in chase (6)
- 24** Appearance of naked fairy (3)
- 25** Scholarly Scot? (11)
- 26** Sadly, Peg has 'RIP' inscriptions (9)
- 27** Anxiety as good fellow joins leaderless gang (5)
- 28** Turpin unmanned where he rode? (8)
- 29** Article on almost superlatively good city opposed by 7 (6)

DOWN

- 2** "All dressed up and nowhere to go"? Could be, any day (7)
- 3** Government number-crunchers show amusement at last attack (9)
- 4** Accountant spies tree (6)
- 5** Riga elf bruised and brittle (7)
- 6** Delay on article, *Sunken Treasure*? (5)
- 7** Shout of praise part of ethos Ann adopted (7)
- 8** Sketched *Sunrise* around the middle of March (5)
- 9** Fat hero, male, has arterial congestion (8)
- 15** Observe Norwich court date (3)
- 16** 'Clarify tea' I clued awkwardly (9)
- 17** Rome, it's said, short of garlic regularly – for ever? (8)
- 19** Rihanna's first in trial for *EastEnders*, maybe showing jewellery (7)
- 20** Harvest work? Ask again (7)
- 22** Disastrous English haircut (7)
- 23** Black group – high-flying globe-trotters (3,3)
- 24** Hebrew character delivering beer to pub (5)
- 25** Permit changing hands twice to get weapon (5)

