# Cryptic Crossword

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**ACROSS**

1. I taint a concoction for fairy queen (7)
2. Life is wild binge (5)
3. Alternatively, arrive with ring for character in As You Like It (7)
4. Secret in psalms mentioned by beggars (7)
5. Power for Irish county (6)
6. Boggier condition to harm sire (8)
7. Shooting star of stage and screen, for instance (4)
8. Senseless clamor, toil—that’s the human condition (6,4)
9. Moors with lively trade can be mediators (10)
10. Shakespeare ingenue has her ring (4)
11. Plastic sours water in France for nature-lover (8)
12. Revise creed before English issue order (6)
13. Actor Paul gets bit of sarcasm from journalist (7)
14. Second section of book has interminable celebration, woman embraced by true love (4,3)
15. & 25. Puts demand too casually for guilty plea (3,6,4)
16. New students rude to me before first of November (7)
17. Maid ran around as daughter of Prospero (7)
18. Robe no problem for King of the Fairies (6)
19. Poets with English whiskers (6)
20. Passionate without end in Shakespeare’s forest setting (5)
21. Dislikes return of education examinations (7)
22. Where There’s a Will
23. Wherefore art thou, ROMEO? Where, indeed!
24. Clued as an anagram: Moore plays lead in play by Shakespeare (5)
25. Cryptic crosswords, which also involve hidden words, containers, reversals, and deletions, can read like A Comedy of Errors if you don’t know the rules. To take arms against this sea of troubles, consult our guide at (http://www.upenn.edu/gazette/puzzles/cryptic.instruct.html). Answers to last issue’s puzzles appear on page 72. A corrected grid for May/June is also available at (www.upenn.edu/gazette/puzzle.html).

**DOWN**

1. Eccentric treated with love and liked, at first, to be respected (9)
2. Not returning to gin-swilling while getting in shape (6)
3. Ann, losing head, gets hugs in middle of day (4)
4. Calcite area, blast to pieces (9)
5. Bachelor, before end of story, married—yes, loses heart to fairy alone (2,6)
6. Residing in Siam, bind feet (5)
7. Unfeeling daughter makes doomed person sick before the last (6)
8. Wine one of highest quality for heiress in The Merchant of Venice (6)
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10. Maid ran around as daughter of Prospero (7)
11. Robe no problem for King of the Fairies (6)
12. Poets with English whiskers (6)
13. Uninhibited nude sipping bit of wine is not married (5)