CROSSWORD
No 16,880 Set by CHALMIE

ACROSS
1 Avoid times to die (6)
4 Hairstyle to test out in court (8)
10 Playwright drunk inspires a couple of lines on the way back (2,5)
11 Former president's party joined by confused university Blue (6-1)
12 Dragon breath (4)
13 Vacating place service affected small demonstrations (5,5)
16 Spies infiltrate very liberal party (6)
17 Fatefully compromised trade union leaves blank sheet (7)
20 Small child wearing hat in short supply (7)
21 First month at school for folk guitarist (6)
24 Medieval local officials who scored centuries? (10)
25 German almost ready to eat bag (4)
27 Pause journey, very excited initially to be in Return of the King (7)
29 One of us oddly missing that people are things in themselves according to Kant (7)
30 Engrossed by choice between muscles and a teaching qualification (8)
31 We should start releases (4,2)

DOWN
1 City bankrupt as lawyer exercises intervention (8)
2 Cheap books to destroy if pupil not about (4,7)
3 Second kind of lawyer (4)
5 Anger about director on hospital department's mockery (8)
6 Sad to arrest worker (4-6)
7 African runner loses footing and gets nothing (3)
8 Despicable creep imprisons independent woman (6)
9 Place to stay after golf (5)
14 Implies boxes possibly restrict temperature in rough city area (4,7)
15 He'll transport one down to the Thames, perhaps under stress (4,6)
18 German detective gutted, upsetting French cop (8)
19 What to play in hot pea soup (3,5)
22 Woman covering her head with strange metal (6)
23 Imposing, with old king on top (5)
26 Book in prompt 27? (4)
28 Sure your electric Skoda starts? (3)