CROSSWORD 18,075 by ZAMORCA

(5)

decree (7)

small strip (7)

church (9)

hours (5.4)

2 Herald Pope's first special

leadership to be reckless (9)

mounting disruption (5)

5 Some delegates publicised

6 Nursed wound putting on

7 Catch up with faltering

leader, clinching win and victory overall at last (4,5)

10 Home for Religious

Education team with new

15 Enters race across lake and

17 Bit of parsley perhaps cut

to hide turnips essentially (7)

19 Casually look at detective

22 Half-heartedly intimidate

swilling Pinot (3,4) 21 Article on writer has

recurring image (5)

aristocrat (5)

ACROSS DOWN

- 1 Rent's rotten exploitation (3-3)
- 4 Lined up when verbally
- prompted (6)
- 8 In France I import British TV and a record player (7)
- **9** Employed help of motorists in review for second hand
- vehicle (4-3)
- 11 Phantom Menace is doing nothing and theatre shortened run (4.6)
- **12** Imagine coming back carrying large fish (4) 13 Complete vertical (5)
- 14 Cutting uncontrolled vice and sin on island (8) 16 Grotesque fish has spiky
- tail in Lego set (8) **18** Daughter invested in dinner achieves (9) gong (5)
- 20 Become weaker partner during conflict (4)
- 21 Please, very much credit the French with rosé (6.4)
- 23 Kept back spot in nice development for compatriot
- 24 Be ready with key to go in farm building (5.2)
- 25 Said 'hear, hear!' as financial
- district expected to ignore president (6) 26 Reportedly secure on dry

land (6)

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1 Sandwich and drinks for all? 10 **3** Frodo lay sick, admitting his 11 16 18 20 22 13 Extra issue arising in leisure 23 24 25 26

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