Guardian cryptic crossword No 27,870 set by Paul

Across
1  Throw drink over Labour leader after British PM’s predecessor? (9)
2  Joke leader’s assumed great power (7)
3  See 22 across
4  Spot, for the lady, some instruments (7)
5  Getting on, this setter is flipping barmy (9)
6  Join in search, interesting for a short while (7)
7  Style of drake, with cuss? (5,4)
13  Vile profanities in opera lacking appeal (9)
14  Some way through introductory pieces, music finally stops (9)
17  I appreciate that offer to cover characters central to plot in newspaper (7)
18  Processing of ferric oxide, ultimately more intense (7)
20  People making peanuts heading for insolvency in opening story (4,3)
22  Ship – that which you can bet on having capsized (5)
23  Squares introduced to fashion, in essence (5)

Down
1  See 25
2  Don’t allow supporter to see player (8)
3  Old bones alongside black garment (6)
4  Creator, one upset about Hades (6)
5  First: last of course is later, however (8)
6  Throw a tantrum when baby eats plant (4,2)
7  Sturdy case: more flexible parts sliding around (8)
8  Change reversed, having shaved my dog (4)
9  Vegetable issue inspiring panic at first, beetle reportedly beginning to nibble on one (6,5)
10  Hitler’s offensive struggle with weight? (6,2,3,5)
11  Viable plan to trap pub rodent (6)
12  See 16
15  Rotten muck in gesture (2-4)
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T U P N Y
I N F R I N G E J O G G E R
A E G O T
P I P S Q U E A K S A T O Z
L S R S H X O
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