

BB King 1925-2015 (Alchemi 285) *by Alchemi*

In some thematic clues, the definitions assume a BB King context

Across

1 No longer working, Hilton hotel singer collapses - RIP BB King (3,6,2,4)

9 Right at home with fashion being most up-to-date (9)

10 Musical item to puncture, encountering no resistance (5)

11 See 23 Down

12 Spooner's schoolmistresses are ones able to run very fast indeed (8)

14 Leaders of invading army follow large group into Caucasian region (7)

16 Rejecting great children's cocktails (7)

18 A hundred ducks make bird noises (3)

19 One of his 16 instructions essentially impresses French town (7)

21 Ramones' riot crew (7)

23 Use lobby, confusing BB (5,3)

24 Award for 1a ends differently for lightweight (6)

27 When something's wrong, seconds turn to hours for people who shun technology (5)

28 Article about nonsense poet going round to mend shoes? (9)

29 Hut seen collapsing around enemies coming back on trailer, perhaps when it's dark for a short time (7,2,3,3)

Down

1 See 5

2 Bears target engineers entering the United States (7)

3 Animal seen offshore? (5)

4 Up-and-coming football team keeping live goat (4)

5/1 He'd get loot organised ages before drumming signals his usual opening number

(3,3,4,5,4)

6 Group maintaining pressure on queen to suppress decoration for 30 days (9)

7 Old jackass pulled up herb (7)

8 Quits the day before Norway overcomes Sweden (5)

13 People needing directions for Uttoxeter? (10)

15 Uses jargon in lectures on square dance (5,4)

17 Old religious body makes hospital with male doctor fashionable (9)

20 It's extremely important I call regularly in support of cold old policemen (7)

22 Male has stress when not in city (7)

23/11 Drinks tea, perhaps, during speculation on location of club in 22 (5,6)

25 Method to get rid of software bug (5)

26 10cc reject metal pitch indicator (4)

