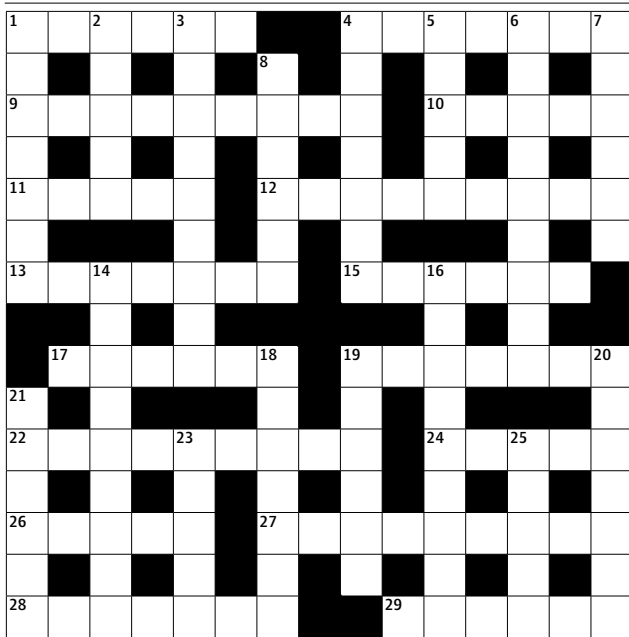


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 24,953 set by Gordius

Across

- 1 Patient starts with cure incomplete at this stage (6)
- 4 Disturbing crime account in China (7)
- 9 English addicted possibly to being set apart for a purpose (9)
- 10 Adherent of religion from 6 part 1 (5)
- 11 Blimey – soldier chasing a dog! (5)
- 12 Muck-spreading sense in Kent (9)
- 13 Saucy female prone to disappear in “Carousel” (7)
- 15 Lady’s partner undoes corset (6)
- 17 King James version in Jude – perhaps you’ve seen it all before (4,2)
- 19 Praises false deity (7)
- 22 St Paul’s intended receiver, according to Spooner (9)
- 24 Sort of case made of fibre (5)
- 26 Race of Mary and Joseph? (5)
- 27 Work on paper or for slave-driver (9)
- 28 Resentment put on over 5 losing head (7)
- 29 Send to gulag reportedly one by one (6)
- 3 Unreliable niche vehicle flogged in Mexico stalls? (9)
- 4 A bit of music for mad dance in church (7)
- 5 Ill-feeling not good for a Dickensian (5)
- 6 Lasting entertainment of resort to gin by doctor (9)
- 7 Soldier in action has to double up (6)
- 8 G & T does transform dull food (6)
- 14 Envious author on “The Old 500” (5-4)
- 16 Locust tree fruit – get one for nothing in the West Indies (9)
- 18 Stranger sometimes referred to as “x” (7)
- 19 Possible euphemism for that is a serious crime (6)
- 20 Plant gives point to endless show of contempt (7)
- 21 Abandon in capital (6)
- 23 Chop up a number among 6 victims (5)
- 25 The question of having children? (5)

Down

- 1 Pace bid failing with zero carbon vehicle (7)
- 2 Duck one found in German dam (5)

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