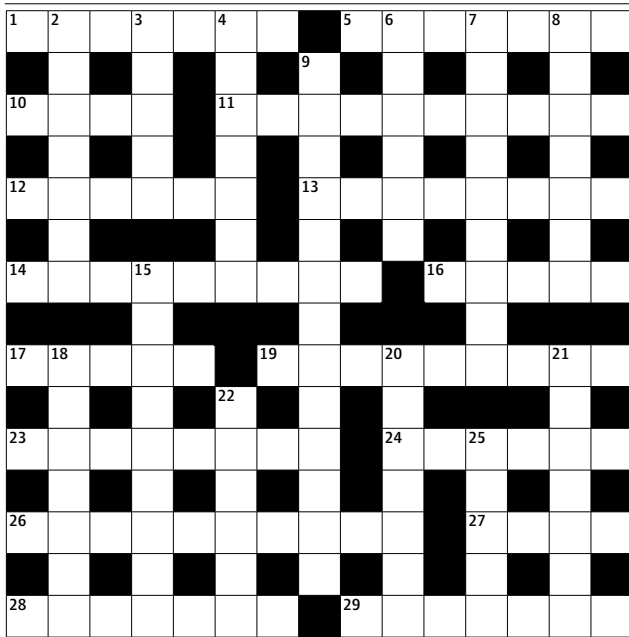


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,060 set by Rufus

Across

- 1 Slight wound is no handicap (7)
- 5 A singular spectacle (7)
- 10 Primate seen around Sunday in church (4)
- 11 Pipe bursts each summer (10)
- 12 Play, but cheat (6)
- 13 Savings books (8)
- 14 Home one left when decree nisi brought round (9)
- 16 University degree for head (5)
- 17 Resort to sergeant major to get fit (5)
- 19 Fell in love but became discouraged (4,5)
- 23 They may lead to quick ducks for any batsmen (8)
- 24 He brought fresh weight to laws of motion (6)
- 26 Pastries cooked in oven vaults (3-2-5)
- 27 I return to a trivial item (4)
- 28 Defeat – or quite the opposite (7)
- 29 Army set out to gain control (7)

Down

- 2 Upset? Depends on how big-headed one is! (7)

- 3 More advanced as a teacher? (5)
- 4 Enter favourite in contest (7)
- 6 Torment bosses in difficulty (6)
- 7 White? Rosé provided if not (9)
- 8 Bays of victory (7)
- 9 It's barred for pedestrians (5,8)
- 15 Hint – take out annuities (9)
- 18 Offer a match (7)
- 20 A unit is ordered to somewhere in North Africa (7)
- 21 Roll containing nothing but chicken (7)
- 22 Holidays that fall in the autumn (6)
- 25 Vital statistical centre (5)

Winners of prize puzzle 25,053

