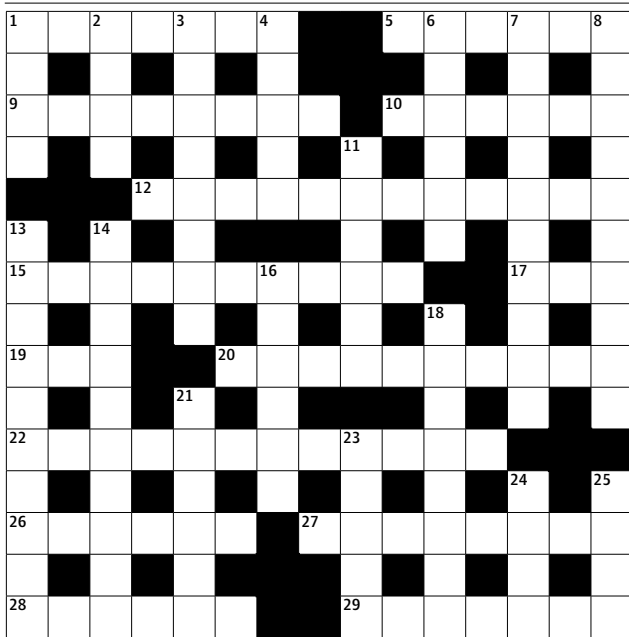


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,202 set by Gordius

Across

- 1 Transport art – pure chaos (7)
- 5 Agriculturalist is a good oarsman (6)
- 9 Dress for presentation? (4-4)
- 10 Man or no man (6)
- 12 Scolding for failure to smarten up? (8,4)
- 15 Blame cheap cooking for this? (5,5)
- 17 What Romanians pay for a wreath? (3)
- 19 Grass in Sussex (3)
- 20 For him living could be a monumental task (10)
- 22,27 Take an ill-considered swipe in digital connection ... (3,3,4,2,3,5)
- 26 Important old city with cove (6)
- 27 See 22
- 28 Space for timber on course (6)
- 29 Fall back, as leper perhaps (7)

Down

- 1 King with a period of madness (4)
- 2 Blurb for a smoke (4)
- 3 Not fit to run – why bother? (8)
- 4 Dispense with lifted script in tests (5)
- 6 In royal office James finally had to abdicate (6)

- 7 From a pew lesson appears to be lacking force (10)
- 8 Makes new plan, including pole for flags (3,7)
- 11 Primate and historian (6)
- 13 Sydney's landmark before building works? (5,5)
- 14 Drunk on innocuous beverage but won't admit it (10)
- 16 Stretch for former nurse (6)
- 18 Licentious without time, never ending (8)
- 21 Church – an establishment that could be a fine thing? (6)
- 23 There's nothing rich comprised in watery humour (5)
- 24 Swallow and stop up (4)
- 25 Vince would be competent without conservative leader (4)

Solution No. 25,201

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