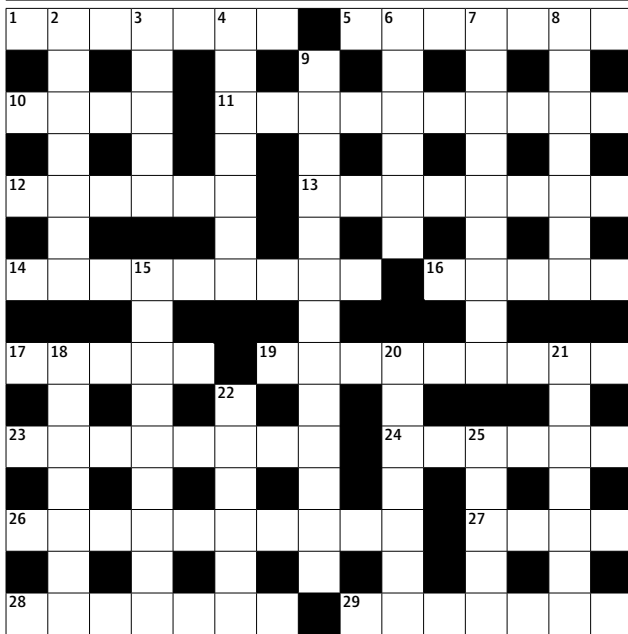


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,596 set by Paul

Across

- 1 Repellent poisoner spiking drink, source of beer in it (3,4)
- 5 Cold peaks, flipping ___ cold one (7)
- 10 Advantage in landed gentry (4)
- 11 Pa wants nose doubly reshaped? Time for much criticism (4,6)
- 12 Played trick? (6)
- 13 Grind put ahead of financial reserve, territory abandoned by Labour (8)
- 14 What six outraged dwarves might do, being reckless? (4-5)
- 16 Agent, beast punching nose (5)
- 17,27 Boy flipped over full of pee-pee, say, and residue – painful result? (5,4)
- 19 Expression of concern about despairing gasp, but they're not yet croaking! (9)
- 23 One's spotted women, genteel and otherwise (8)
- 24 See 3
- 26 Party behind horse sandwiches – more traditional filling supplied here? (5,5)
- 27 See 17
- 28 Main problem hiding the family's excruciatingly embarrassing habit? (7)
- 29 Arrogant type puts manoeuvring before skill (7)

Down

- 2 Coppers, obsolete money? (3,4)

- 3,24 Designated partners primarily desperate for a quickie potential romance? (5,6)
- 4 Line that's curved up around mouth, say – there's disease (7)
- 6 See 21
- 7 Sea creature with black, spotless raised scale (7,2)
- 8 US city where chicken eating duck seen in photos (7)
- 9 Both man and woman married – hope this is not confusing! (13)
- 15 Flower on male cobblers (9)
- 18 No end in sight, fatal passing around a river in desert (7)
- 20 Dizzy on a horse? Let's go faster! (5-2)
- 21,6 Two Barbaras making a pile for Elizabeth? (7,6)
- 22 Ape, head like an elephant, climbing (6)
- 25 Cards bitter-sweet, including The Circle (5)

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