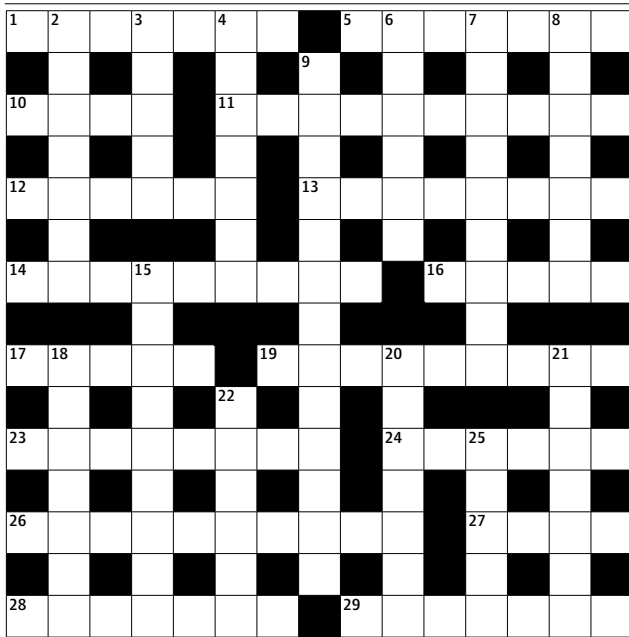


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,653 set by Rufus

Across

- 1 Bureaucracy that is legally binding (3,4)
- 5 Brunel's realm? (7)
- 10 Criticise vehicle parking (4)
- 11 It will provide a blow by blow account (10)
- 12 Offer that is about right, although below par (6)
- 13 Insisted order is order (8)
- 14 Introductory speech, perhaps (9)
- 16 A revolting subject (5)
- 17 A brief, for example, is for the defence (5)
- 19 Asking price may be worth repeating (9)
- 23 A city to impress sailors? (8)
- 24 It's pointlessly subject to being extravagant (6)
- 26 Promise a fight (10)
- 27 It's unusual not to be well done (4)
- 28 Drinking vessels used experimentally (7)
- 29 They should be allowed to be themselves, we're told (7)

Down

- 2 Tail one wags in delight (7)
- 3 Bound to be recorded (5)
- 4 Paul brewed tea in a high-rise flat (7)

- 6 Operatic heroine that is to be about to be liquidated (6)
- 7 Container for spread (5,4)
- 8 Manage to define the bishop's position (7)
- 9 The new stadium being constructed for London football club (4,3,6)
- 15 After the wedding Jill's partner has three crosses to bear (5,4)
- 18 Two points he can possibly raise (7)
- 20 Amusing article includes lots about Russian novelist (7)
- 21 Former pupil to wait and see (7)
- 22 Expression of dismay, seeing a horde on the rampage (2,4)
- 25 Sign of resistance in Spanish port (5)

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