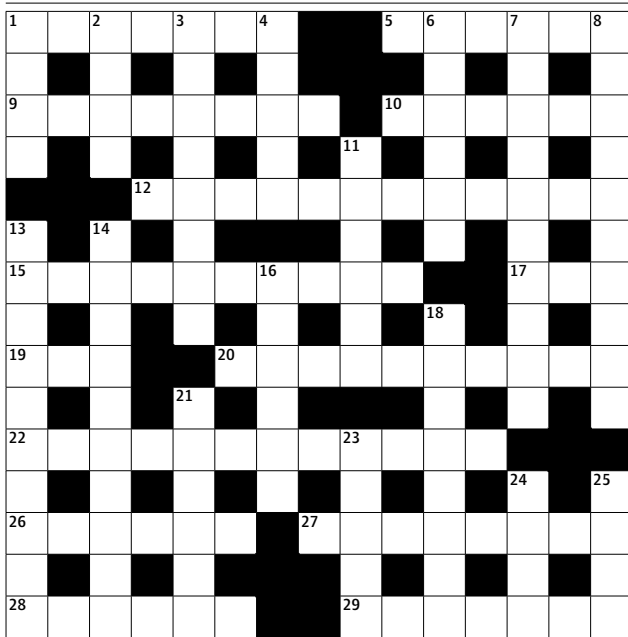


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,657 set by Araucaria

Across

- 1 Use phone, say, erratically outside to get shrub (7)
- 5 Second that is to say "shut up" (4,2)
- 9 Doctor's round is an irrational thing: it has to be depressing (8)
- 10 Funny fellow finds waterfall a tonic (6)
- 12 Top of plant needs shade – uphill struggle for 24 21 (12)
- 15 Looking straight at English graduate that comes in crying (10)
- 17 Window leaves producer on the coast (3)
- 19 Leaves producer with party (3)
- 20 Male moved 19 set to give passenger support (6,4)
- 22 Safe merchants with theatrical personality (5,7)
- 26 16 girl doing Hamlet outside pub (6)
- 27 Blessing covering misguided mule is a rare occurrence (4,4)
- 28,1down Pirate team gets the beef (10)
- 29 Capital to blow on a railway with a heart (7)

Down

- 1 See 28
- 2 Promising 19? (4)
- 3 Terminus with new beginning receives hammer blow (4,4)

- 4 Alleged receiver of waves from The Tempest (5)
- 6 Choirboy choirboy choirboy? (6)
- 7 Benedictine house fit to house such as Liszt (5,5)
- 8 Turned to heaven, embraced by commonplace leftist (10)
- 11 Good little boy's king of the Baltic (6)
- 13 Gives up about pet in trouble from bugs (10)
- 14 Delivers up comedian to port (10)
- 16 Hardy companion shrub for 17 (6)
- 18 Way to spur progress of fish (8)
- 21 See 24
- 23 Use phone keeping one back for 1 across (5)
- 24,21 Incorrectly 1 across – come good briefly and incorrectly about holy book (4,6)
- 25 Nothing but inversion of French city (4)

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