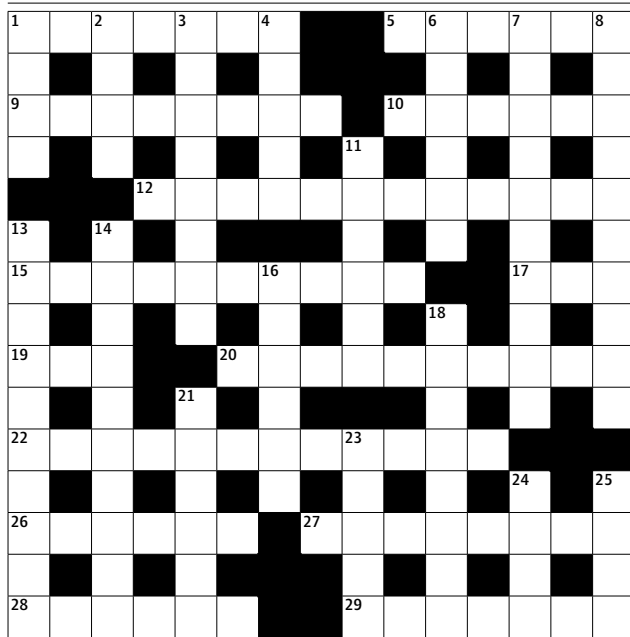


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,847 set by Gordius

## Across

- 1 One comes from among relatively unrefined types (7)
- 5 Ford is hesitating to become emperor (6)
- 9 Virtue of endless hurry in financial centre (8)
- 10 High Church service provided it's in central France (6)
- 12 Commission for distribution of dog food (12)
- 15 A pious type, Winston, fit to move the queen (10)
- 17 In name it may be called the King's Arms (3)
- 19 Liquid, one not known to be undrinkable (3)
- 20 The way stuff comes and goes (5,5)
- 22 With vehicle, possibly, get in a top position (7,5)
- 26 Backstage chatter, or how Miller unmasked McCarthy? (6)
- 27 Increasingly out and about, as are the rich when partying (8)
- 28 Bird could be elegant, apart from name (6)
- 29 Drink needs part of the eye keeping direction (7)

## Down

- 1 1,001 brushed aside by Cromwell (4)
- 2 Organised stock (4)
- 3 Troop cover after engineers cut expenses (8)

- 4 Playing lute softly to relieve tension (3,2)
- 6 Fruit, not originally but still ... (6)
- 7 Dubious, like the filth? (10)
- 8 Arbitrator in mad dance borrowed from Peter to pay Paul (10)
- 11 Listen to variation of New Testament date (6)
- 13 "It can be done – somehow I have" (Cable) (10)
- 14 Bacon's original source (7,3)
- 16 Attic half overturned, brought to order (6)
- 18 Stern – apt perhaps to take one side or the other (8)
- 21 Cope with a boy when grown up? (6)
- 23 It may be high, but it's nothing grim (5)
- 24 Smith, a bit short of specialist food provider (4)
- 25 A good deal of land seen as one article (4)

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