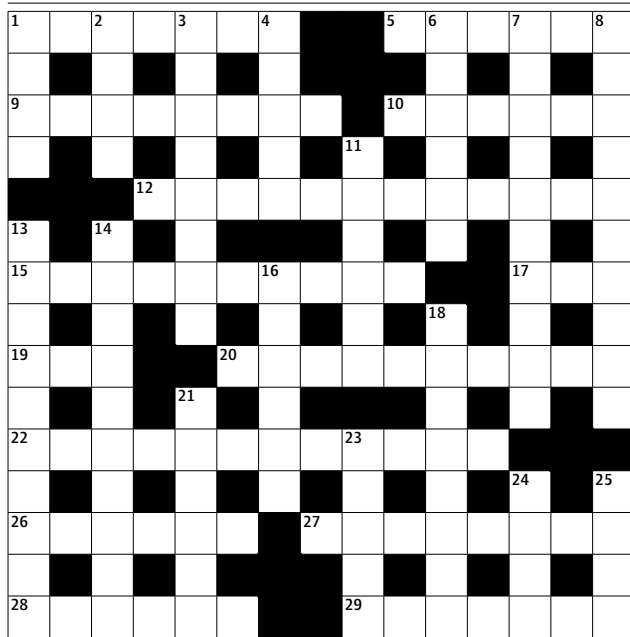


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,961 set by Araucaria

## Across

- 1 Adams' work a tall building? Not now I know (7)
- 5 A bomb exploding round sticky stuff (6)
- 9 Helium or argon, which could be angriest? (5,3)
- 10 Piano to let by request (6)
- 12 Seceding Spooner's arousing a comment from an ass (8,4)
- 15 What they call us in the course of explosive competition (10)
- 17 Bill's left off boring another boy (3)
- 19 I am not dialectical: having 7 I'm an aardvark (3)
- 20 Slippery creature gives manager MBE (5,5)
- 22 Male – no, males – with exterior that's friendly to a remarkable extent (12)
- 26 Jumper, maybe: having 7 I'll be a tiger moth (6)
- 27 Half-asleep state of most rodents with much of home in water (8)
- 28 Prince gets by when in the groove (6)
- 29 Kept your feet out of water? Your dinner starts with hors d'oeuvre (3-4)

## Down

- 1 Covering? Having 7 I'm on guard (4)
- 2 Any number of years old? (4)
- 3 Take top job away from idle fellow in whom is the problem? (8)

- 4 Finish off a US city where I could have 7 (5)
- 6 Member in liquor, say (6)
- 7 10 wait while I'm accompanied by 1 across, 11 the 24, 17 or 28 (4,4,2)
- 8 Proverbial king of Venice, perhaps, treating anemone with dye (3-4,3)
- 11 Local first in the Guardian for Churchill (6)
- 13 Seedsman embracing meal for member needs energy provider (5,5)
- 14 Nasty turn for boat raised this way – it's usually mocked (6,4)
- 16 Sell old ship in custody of police (6)
- 18 Bird that can't fly – hence fly is to make milk? (8)
- 21 Tree non-U, if non-U (6)
- 23 Each in the lead (5)
- 24 Ring up to show contempt (4)
- 25 I'm in hospital: having 7 I'm Arcturus (4)

## Solution No. 25,960

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