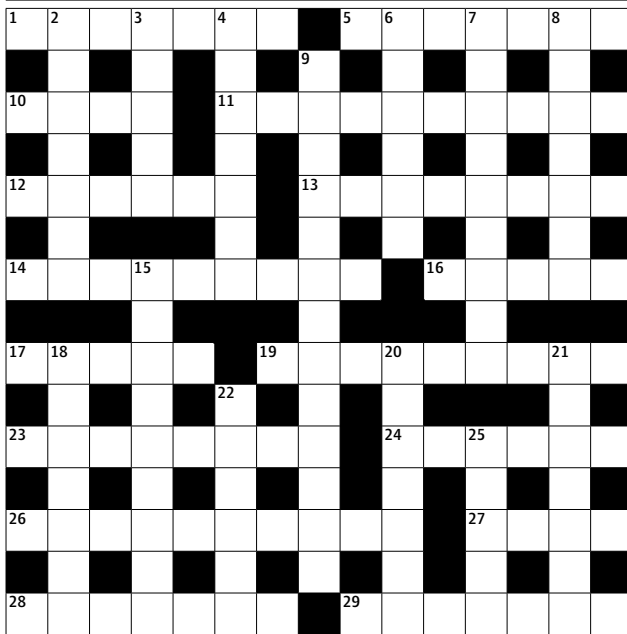


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,989 set by Arachne

## Across

- 1 Sweet variety, cold in the middle (4,3)
- 5 Initially inauspicious cloud has silver lining for poet (7)
- 10 Howled out loud, having lost hair (4)
- 11 Marvellous Madoff? (5-5)
- 12 Instantly high-octane (2,4)
- 13 Yearn to take extended trip (4,4)
- 14 Transform an annoying person into a B-lister? (9)
- 16 Disclose opportunity to stop working (5)
- 17 Attempt to report Brownshirts (5)
- 19 Two English animals on the loose in Pacific region (9)
- 23 Beetle having quiet time in steaming ordure (8)
- 24 Makes fun of relative wearing trousers inside out (6)
- 26 Bitchy person I could strangle very fast (10)
- 27 Half of mild, ten Navy Cut and a tot (4)
- 28 Doctor lays out basis of treatment and cure (3-4)
- 29 Holiday home for setters? (7)

## Down

- 2 Sound, selfless injunction to physician (7)
- 3 Genetic information obtained from false leg (5)
- 4 Monk spies retreating tank (7)
- 6 Regularly overlooked, our town is south of Maidenhead, Berks (6)
- 7 Articulating demand that Blair resign for blunder (9)
- 8 Plastic capsule, which may be inserted into orifices (7)
- 9 Squealed as elephant's bits stirred (5,3,5)
- 15 Unmoved, as I was after visiting San Francisco? (9)
- 18 She wanders away from Rex, boring chap who goes on and on (7)
- 20 Diplomat's encouragement of revolutionary? (7)
- 21 Altogether fascinated by muscle reflex (2,5)
- 22 Removing meat from menu, serves exceptional seafood (6)
- 25 Ban is such as to make one fearful (5)

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