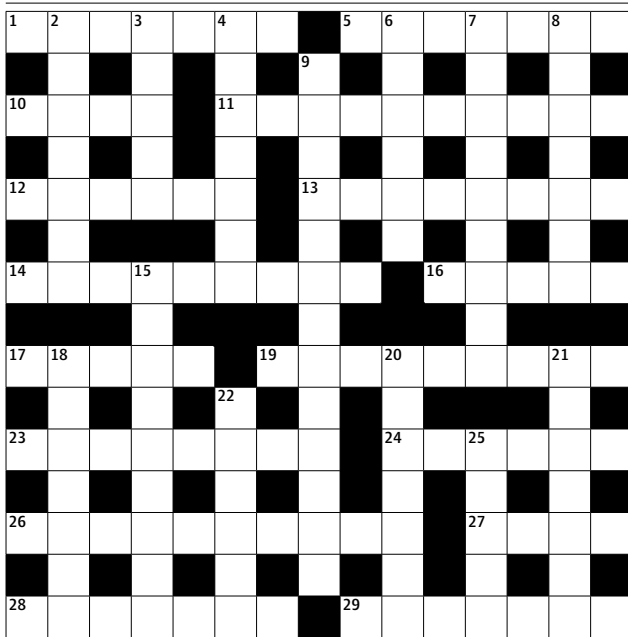


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Turn universal desire into artistic medium (7)
- 5 Vessel's unusually dark brown, previously (7)
- 10 Take it easy, having recounted sexual conquests (4)
- 11 Pack clerical garment into total nerd's collection? (5,5)
- 12 Beam about impediment to love (6)
- 13 Relative – nephew, cousin, husband? – starts to loosen up (8)
- 14 Boatman's song – something sung in nude? (9)
- 16 Like backing Norse god or Greek one (5)
- 17 Cellar-bound (5)
- 19 Crawler to yield, adopting opponents' advice (9)
- 23 Clue to foster-child's disadvantage? (8)
- 24 Tenor's heart gets put into temperamental solo (6)
- 26 One undertaking to fiddle with agricultural equipment (10)
- 27 Repair oath (4)
- 28 Jump across 51 illuminated after dusk (7)
- 29 The French king filling Paris, perhaps, with brightness (7)

Down

- 2 Reconstructed source of Aztec or Inca instrument (7)

- 3 Obviate, or declare, time (5)
- 4 Solicitor breaking the rules, lacking energy (7)
- 6 Face muscle, in a way (6)
- 7 Wicked program in which 9 character absorbs sick end of tape (6,3)
- 8 Erotic fish consuming meal topless (7)
- 9 Writer badly mauled (but not dead) getting signal to enter burrow (6,7)
- 15 Supply food, entertaining elderly women with adverse criticism (4,5)
- 18 Irish river featuring in pictures of transport hub (7)
- 20 Medic disturbing weary trainee with bit of percussion (7)
- 21 Cheated and ran over thinker (7)
- 22 Some sausages à la Milaneese? (6)
- 25 Free an upturned bottom (5)

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