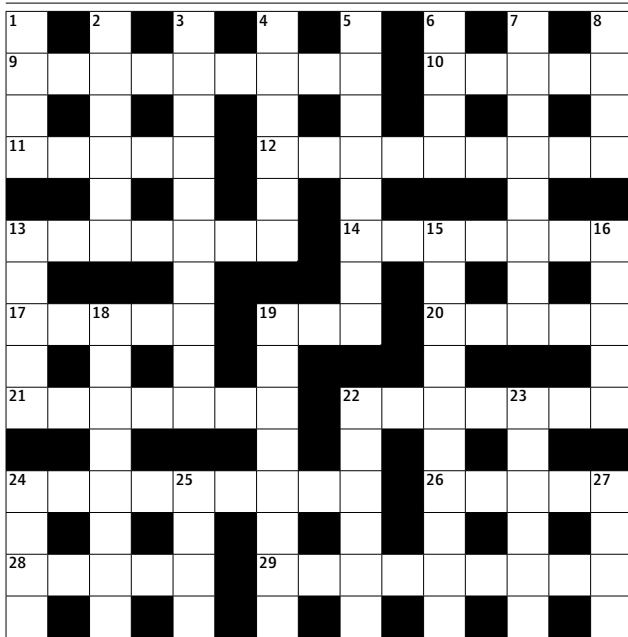


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 9 Laundries unusually reliant on breeze, in the main (5,4)
- 10 Return of English relation put one in good spirits (5)
- 11 Austere Midwesterner? (5)
- 12 Settled around area with good name and didn't move (9)
- 13 Food neighbour mostly located in fruit tree (7)
- 14 Dwellings for some animals – donkeys, say (7)
- 17 Stream going west, then east, in general (5)
- 19 The Australian yachts, primarily, that can be seen in Perth (3)
- 20 Poetic section's specialised language adding nothing (5)
- 21 Person who provides redress, soundly exemplified in other answers (7)
- 22 Clubs, perhaps, taking bad ref to heart too much (7)
- 24 Performing in theatre set out in natural shade (5,4)
- 26 Bolts securing new farm buildings (5)
- 28 Pressure around referee, initially, to give red card (5)
- 29 Man on board in total disarray gets reprimand (7-2)
- 5 Helper in church has to revise something that warns sailors, we hear (5,3)
- 6 Intense lamentation (4)
- 7 Small tree is what damaged cape (8)
- 8 Observe what's indicated on kind of instrument, it's said (4)
- 13 Man imprisoned, with ruler in control (5)
- 15 Startle with piece about local turning up African mammal (4,6)
- 16 Drive away on time and move fast (5)
- 18 Kind of ball one player wishes for another? (3,5)
- 19 Aggressively solicits around vessel for lots of voters (8)
- 22 Not confident about English novel finally left in hard cover? (6)
- 23 Upset, for example, composer put in angry mood (6)
- 24 Nymph's character as communicated on radio (4)
- 25 Part of whatever is object of loathing (4)
- 27 Pack to put between opposing card-players (4)

Down

- 1 Finishing touches in sketch you made – needs colours (4)
- 2 This part of speech invariably is (6)
- 3 Writes poorly about broken link, most in need of press (10)
- 4 Way to get hostage back from Tehran, somehow (6)

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