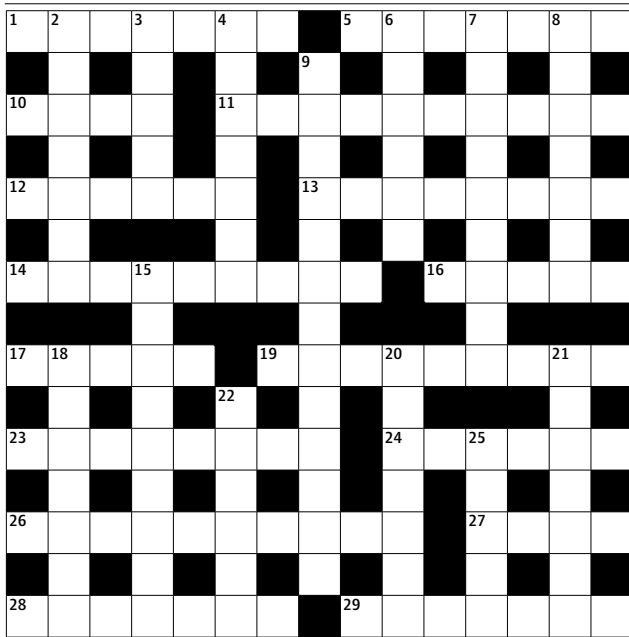


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,042 set by Rufus

## Across

- 1 Perhaps he's right to gamble and drink (7)
- 5 Get ready and shave beforehand? (7)
- 10 Quiet, on edge and rather demure (4)
- 11 Ecological group plant northern vegetable in a Mediterranean country (10)
- 12 High-powered firm (6)
- 13 Stamps to commemorate Prince George's birth? (3,5)
- 14 Atrophied form of a love goddess (9)
- 16 Good man consumed by power (5)
- 17 Ends with last of the whisky, somewhat drunk (5)
- 19 Turn up with a six-footer as escort (9)
- 23 Where members of society may meet (8)
- 24 Sarcastic driver on course put in charge (6)
- 26 Rashness and cheek? That's about right (10)
- 27 Conventional fare? (4)
- 28 Never coming to a vital conclusion (7)
- 29 Oysters developing at different levels (7)

## Down

- 2 Hire purchase includes a way to get this type of car (7)

- 3 Lover needing capital to acquire ring (5)
- 4 Signed up in preparation for match (7)
- 6 On Wren moved to find fame (6)
- 7 Urge boss to obtain security device (5,4)
- 8 Check votes again in detail (7)
- 9 Coming back into office to stop report (13)
- 15 Disapprove? Blow it! (9)
- 18 One mill in ruins is a bad sign (3,4)
- 20 A hole in ten, unusually high (7)
- 21 Vain, yet possibly displaying innocence (7)
- 22 An Arab country girl rings the doctor up (6)
- 25 Call for peace and quiet (5)

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