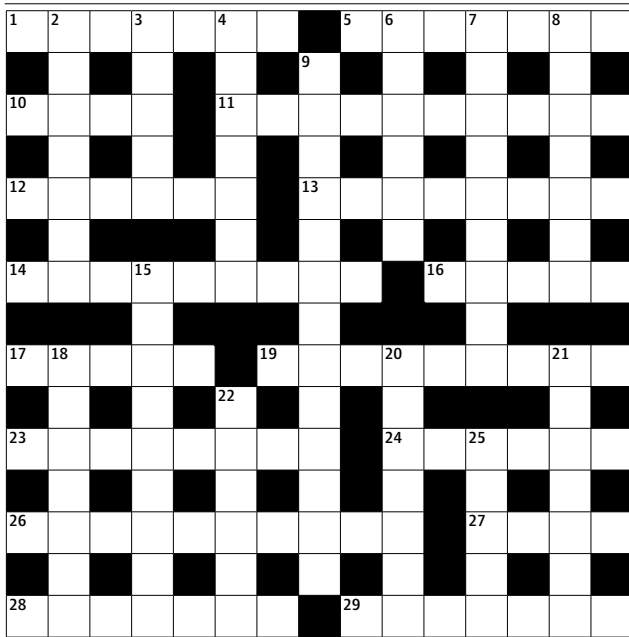


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,078 set by Rufus

Across

- 1 Tyrannise work force (7)
- 5 Mature pine lasting many years (3-4)
- 10 Employed you and me – and another chap (4)
- 11 Much improved, so enjoying greater popularity (4,4,2)
- 12 Failure in providing returns as a company (6)
- 13 She hurried round to a furniture designer (8)
- 14 We shall shortly be having gin cocktail – here's health! (4-5)
- 16 Absolute quiet always required (5)
- 17 They're not striking examples of comradeship (5)
- 19 Mid-off's just terrible (9)
- 23 Main swell to begin moving (5,3)
- 24 People living around pubs (6)
- 26 Not mad about silver? It's very much in fashion (3,3,4)
- 27 Go on green? (4)
- 28 I'd eat no differently, though trying to lose weight (2,1,4)
- 29 Chief required in some lawless state (7)

Down

- 2 Leisure activity in father's day (7)
- 3 Is taken aback by a fair's attractions (5)
- 4 Unspecified bigwig (7)
- 6 Path of the swallow? (6)
- 7 Want to try? Only too willing! (4,1,4)
- 8 Offensive Moonies dispersed (7)
- 9 Man caught fighting (8,2,3)
- 15 Wild bear I'd let free (9)
- 18 Tom joins chap of Spanish origin (7)
- 20 Bitterness associated with age-old craft (7)
- 21 Open at lunch break (7)
- 22 To be consistent, he must be in the middle (6)
- 25 It may be cut and pickled (5)

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