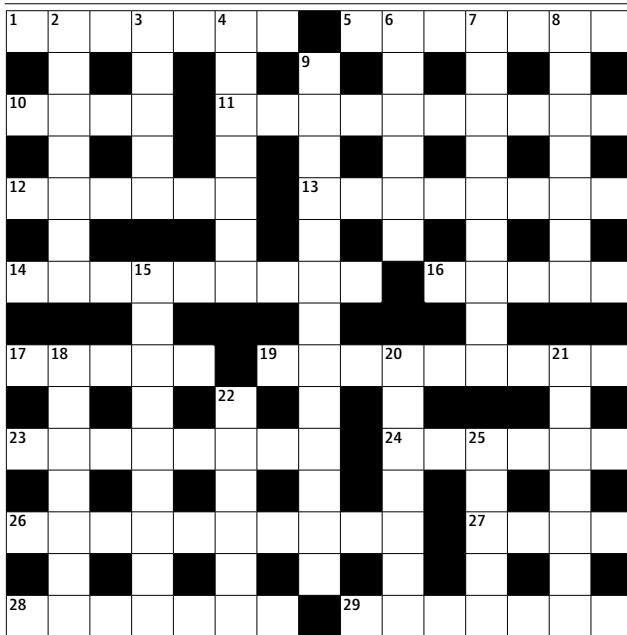


## Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,143 set by Rufus

### Across

- 1** Scotsman takes girl to see play (7)  
**5** Go ahead – make a loan (7)  
**10** Key equipment in a sailing vessel (4)  
**11** Order one still refuses to obey (4,6)  
**12** They happen to upset Steven (6)  
**13** Fabric on instrument to perish (8)  
**14** Warn head to display vigilance (9)  
**16** Still quite upset (5)  
**17** Spots, we hear, before the eyes? (5)  
**19** Wrong, or sure one is wrong (9)  
**23** Certificate goes to leading tactful envoy (8)  
**24** All the difference between life and death? (6)  
**26** Dessert wine may give one a further jolt (10)  
**27** They're very high in theatrical circles (4)  
**28** Government by the best? Have a wry smile about it (7)  
**29** I'd turn awkward on a point and butt in (7)

### Down

- 2** A Sheridan character, we hear, is coming (7)  
**3** Started, for instance, during Prohibition (5)

- 4** Collects cheats (5,2)  
**6** Injury puts years on mother (6)  
**7** Coming over a river, which may be exciting (9)  
**8** Bound to be against punishment (7)  
**9** Upset, stand it no more – protest! (13)  
**15** Don't forget to get together again (9)  
**18** Arranged Cup Final doesn't start – distressing (7)  
**20** Use suntan lotion? It can also help in the rain (7)  
**21** All by oneself, helpless? (7)  
**22** A group of inspirational females entertains (6)  
**25** Formidable opponent of note in a row (5)