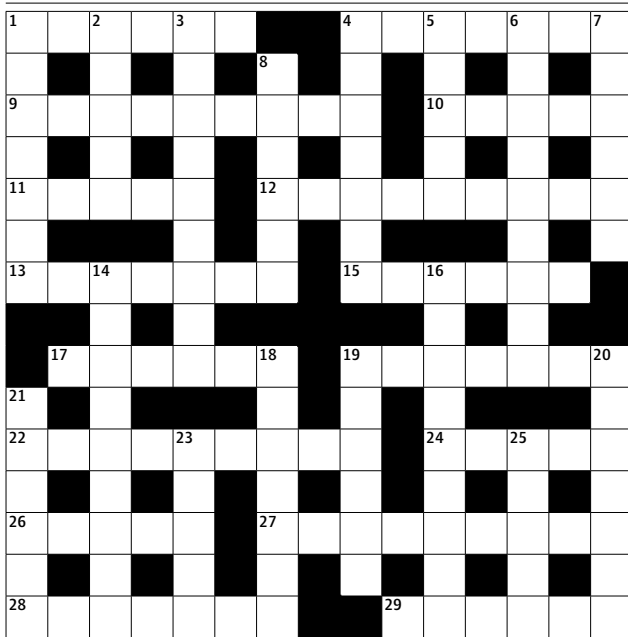


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,150 set by Nutmeg

Across

- 1 Mature Conservative entering State Department (6)
- 4 Offender's partner dismissed by primate in sect (7)
- 9 It's plain – setter's bloody exhausted! (9)
- 10 Reaches port where 4 acrosses may be seen? (5)
- 11 Bore made to talk about bottles (5)
- 12 Hereditary earls can't, unfortunately (9)
- 13 Intermittent rain penetrating blind not a trickle (7)
- 15 Public room that is welcomed by young men? Hardly! (6)
- 17 Almost 20 – central heating's become too hot (6)
- 19 Critical old celeb reviewed short story (7)
- 22 Leaders ultimately booed off in rubbish game (9)
- 24 Stunner from the East tried to get through again (5)
- 26 Children's network doesn't get started (5)
- 27 Bard's son stops one checking authenticity (9)
- 28 Short drink relative knocked back, just a little one (7)
- 29 Set up wartime leader in assuming new position (6)
- 4 Will's rider upset detectives, breaking wind (7)
- 5 Where to find swimmers showing promise in class on regular basis (5)
- 6 Habitual sounds from cat out of bounds, coming in late (9)
- 7 Organisation of workers produced less conflict (8)
- 8 Gunmen backing rebel covered walk (6)
- 14 Extended home's finished, builder finally admitted (9)
- 16 Nutmeg had taken up translation as hobby (9)
- 18 Evidence of overindulgence not good for royal house (7)
- 19 Eg turnover from discontinued lines (6)
- 20 It all gets broadcast, including Queen's typo ... (7)
- 21 ... typo Military Intelligence overlooked – dash! (6)
- 23 Get wind of deception involving money (5)
- 25 Fleet Street accepts Dutch, not English (5)

Down

- 1 Took on bill covering party (private) (7)
- 2 Wield authority dismissing parliamentary leader (5)
- 3 Nice region dour Aztec trashed (4,5)

Solution No. 26,149

