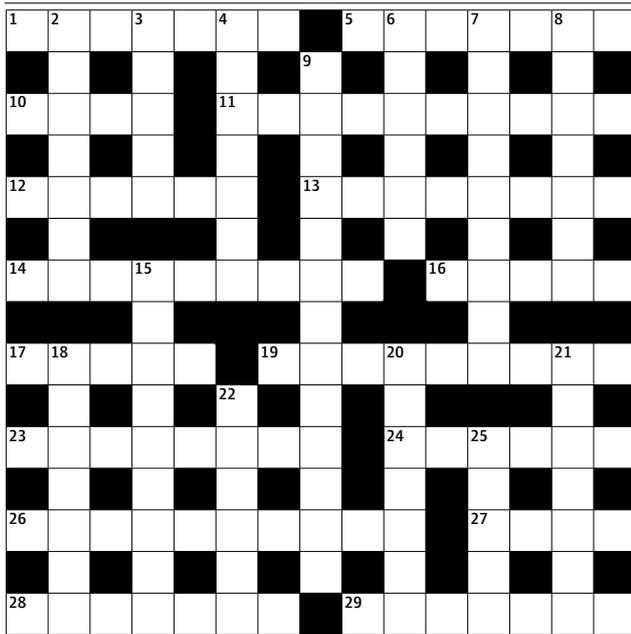


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,161 set by Rufus

Across

- 1 To fall back, a mistake made by soldiers (7)
- 5 Sea mist represented by painter (7)
- 10 The lady's ring is one much admired (4)
- 11 The Archaeopteryx, for instance, are in good time for breakfast (5,5)
- 12 Popular move, building arch (6)
- 13 In emergency, use a bugging device and move slowly (2,1,5)
- 14 Exploded with fury when there's commission to pay (9)
- 16 Wife returns, about to be angry (5)
- 17 One has two members in support (5)
- 19 How to leave a waiter a meagre gratuity? (3,3,3)
- 23 Spotted horse that's white – not black (8)
- 24 No score in even game (6)
- 26 Composer to drive men to distraction (10)
- 27 Divine lady currently in Oxford (4)
- 28 Yale's entrance requirement (7)
- 29 Member finishes the accounts (7)

Down

- 2 English queen, one Lear got involved with (7)
- 3 Empty new flat on the top floor? (5)
- 4 Ring someone who is out (7)
- 6 However, the direction doesn't matter (6)
- 7 Introduced new dietitian (9)
- 8 Alcoholic drink is for the non-driver (7)
- 9 Erring dogs ran loose – they play in the streets (5-8)
- 15 Look out and foil the pickpockets? (4,5)
- 18 I find reformed smoker irritating (7)
- 20 Purchase a hundred and twenty-four sheets of paper (7)
- 21 Green still on remand (7)
- 22 Be amazed at music, originally a Ravel composition (6)
- 25 There's nothing sinful about her (5)

Winners of prize puzzle 26,154

