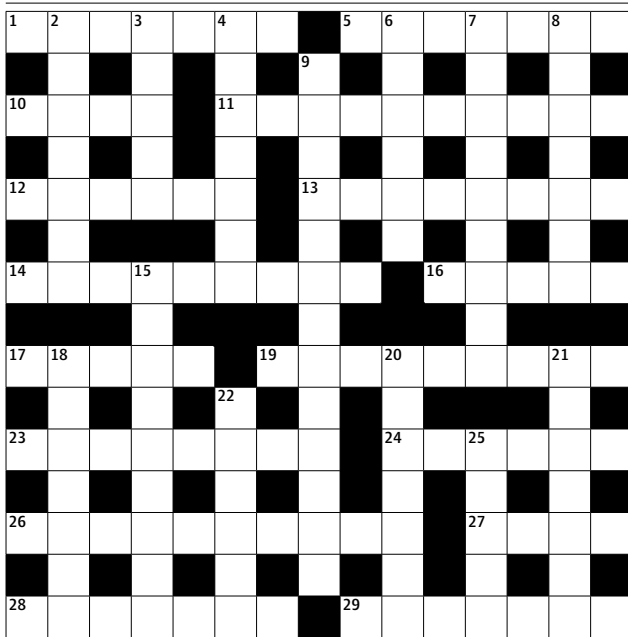


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,276 set by Philistine

Nine of the across solutions are of a kind, not further defined

Across

- 1 An idiot (7)
- 5 What's in the toilet? A note (2,5)
- 10 My colleague's cast (4)
- 11 Recurrent bad mood, say (10)
- 12 As an alternative to work taking precedence (6)
- 13 Joining EU may be unsuitable (8)
- 14 Not having the bottle for faster moves in bed (6-3)
- 16 Three showing restraint (5)
- 17 Part (5)
- 19 Frequently at the bottom (9)
- 23 Pole, tie and skewer? That's about right (8)
- 24 I find that's god inside (6)
- 26 Two struggling with sex life (10)
- 27 Somewhat disproportionate (4)
- 28 Marine lads or "salts" (7)
- 29 Now see gallery in artful style at work that's grand (7)

Down

- 2 Essentially, one got the lot, each of whom little expected (2-5)
- 3 Drew a dicky bird (5)
- 4 Said perhaps to follow music link (7)

- 6 Substitute saxophone for bass tuba; get jazz at last! (6)
- 7 Decoration makes a point about sailors? (9)
- 8 Side roads where deserter is true to type (3,4)
- 9 Sets the speed at which cool current is flowing (6,7)
- 15 Maids wiggling coxae halfway to 23 (9)
- 18 Apprentice finds post-graduate education starts to contain mindless repetition (7)
- 20 Demanding information on the way out? (7)
- 21 Cremation or perhaps burial, if fuel ran out (9)
- 22 Can scientific leader probe the cause of mad cow disease? (6)
- 25 On the way back, got drunk and opted for redevelopment in the station (5)

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