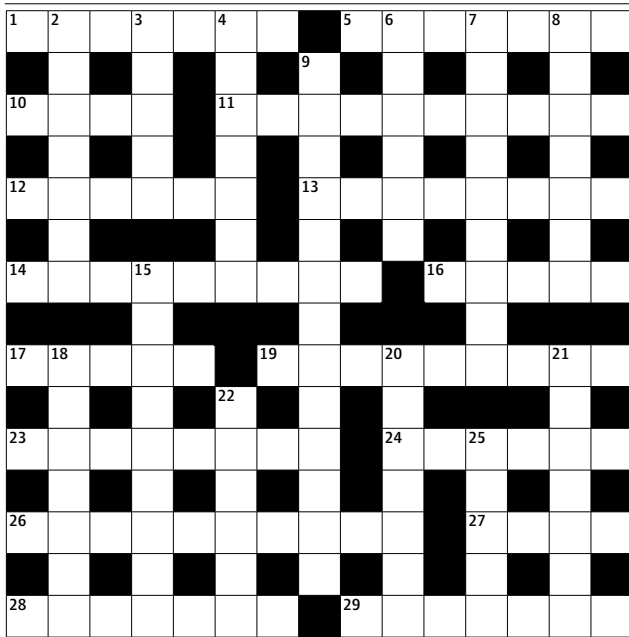


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,281 set by Rufus

Across

- 1 Needle for decoration on artificial silk (7)
- 5 Relatives get a quarter – sighs of relief! (7)
- 10 Agreed, but not about being old (4)
- 11 Where publicans are locked up? (6,4)
- 12 The old soldiers before one are Arabians (6)
- 13 Slash the price of flimsy material (8)
- 14 Delayed entering aisle, distressed, being nervous (3,2,4)
- 16 The Irish Bill? (5)
- 17 Dock, where a sailor may sleep (5)
- 19 Describing insects with wings of short span (9)
- 23 The intelligentsia left going over the same thing again? It's not on (8)
- 24 Right sort of stock (6)
- 26 Rival to study before exam – an exemplary worker (10)
- 27 In a way, it may mean this month (4)
- 28 Every setback about it is instructive (7)
- 29 Naval jail and potential inmate (7)

Down

- 2 Important contract gets scornful response (3,4)
- 3 House deposit (5)
- 4 Glorious rendering of "Under the Linden Tree" (7)
- 6 She can turn out to be an upper-class niece (6)
- 7 Breathe in, when gone to sleep in winter (9)
- 8 Wiped the floor with woollen fabric (7)
- 9 Being wise, resigned (13)
- 15 Teach unit members to become trustworthy (9)
- 18 The embodiment of a mince pie, in my opinion (7)
- 20 Sort of seat for a high-flyer (7)
- 21 Sinatra, swinging expert (7)
- 22 A girl that is under another (6)
- 25 Availing oneself of an American gin sling (5)

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