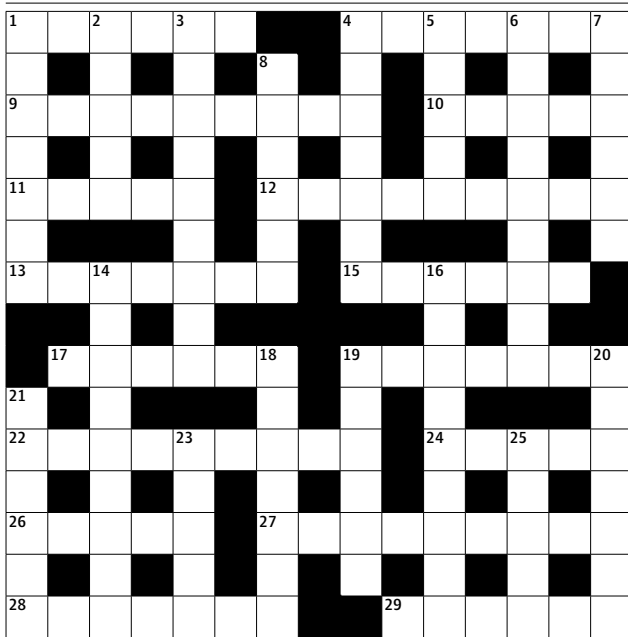


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,282 set by Brummie

Across

- 1,4** New lease negotiated to include game, which is instrumental in a funny way (6,7)
9 Sally cosies up to blokes in alien gear (9)
10 Instrument makes woman calcium-deficient (5)
11 State place with enclosures, which has vocalist buzzing (5)
12 Most rocks, overcoming resistance, cross over house's extra weather protection (5,4)
13 Unmoved, one has to pursue academic success? (7)
15 Tinker's days standing in line (6)
17 Tolls made by regions weather-wise hot, rather than large (6)
19 Explicit, grand form of pop with inebriated sound? (7)
22 Wool-producer's call to introduce alkali-treated article with few strings (9)
24 Teacher not quite making a buck? (5)
26 Personal protection for cutting article (5)
27 Underground mythical treasure guard lacks good ticker (9)
28 It's involved with hormones and it's involved with hydro treatment (7)
29 Crow rig (tension displaced by carbon) (6)

Down

- 1** I can't hear you drink outside Crown (5,2)
2 Ace spaceman humming with excitement? (5)

- 3** You mock spoken speech hesitancy as a music-maker (9)
4 Chicory's the thing, with length covered in bark (7)
5 Hair woven on masculine religious garment (5)
6 Bananas, both with a blue Mediterranean salad dish (9)
7 Model on road: wow, in tailored set! (6)
8 Appendage of quality that is a monstrous thing (6)
14 Knowing about choral arrangement as an academic (9)
16 Motions not welcomed from her radio broadcast at one (9)
18 Read superficially, Kipling tale is set in southern sea (7)
19 President's awards? (6)
20,25 Receiver of beating in eastern temple: bones click, he crumbles (7,5)
21 Bard's exclamation and dash for region of Russia (6)
23 Love to lift and move tongue (5)
25 See 20

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