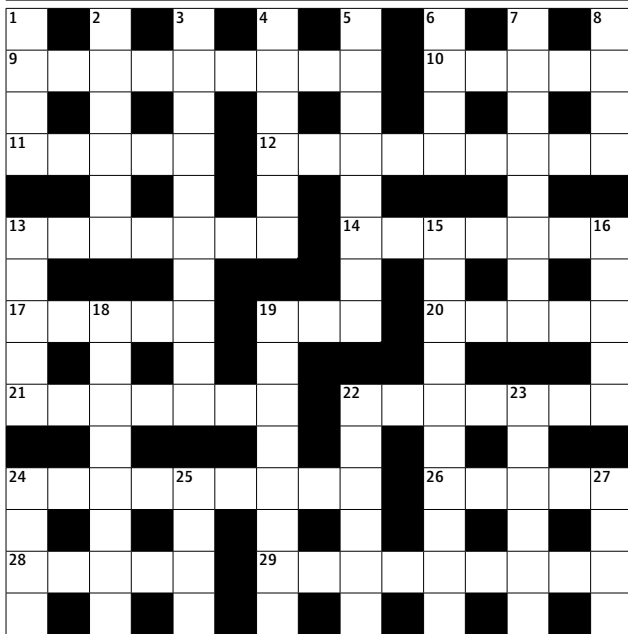


# Guardian cryptic crossword



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To mark a publishing centenary this month, nine clues lead to 729, not further defined.

### Across

- 9 Good and early, mist dissipated, getting hot (9)
- 10 Way to embrace partner, kicking back (5)
- 11 Perform opera on the radio (5)
- 12 Don't stop the games – run hard (9)
- 13 German sportsman losing his last races (7)
- 14 Disgraces from French capital (7)
- 17 Adult put on old tights in part of Bible (5)
- 19 Second home's function (3)
- 20 Transport covers for cycle (5)
- 21 Running around, university fellows needing answer for unknowable things (7)
- 22 Tory bigwig's heir on throne (7)
- 24 Paparazzo stalking the Royal Family might get this condemnation (9)
- 26 M's successor put back in Bond film with English warplane (5)
- 28 Rather large – and large in the middle! (5)
- 29 Work to bestow titles like Queen Elizabeth and Queen Mary? (9)

### Down

- 1 Military leaders having fun (4)
- 2 Up 1-0, Celtic's wingers coming round for treatment here (6)

- 3 State in US behind judge imprisoning the First Lady (10)
- 4 Crown to go with favourite fur cape (6)
- 5 Woman pushing up bottom (8)
- 6 Key passage without its opening note (4)
- 7 With illumination, English artist's given lines of poetry, say (8)
- 8 One leaving yeast to cook – it's swelling (4)
- 13 What breaks censorship? (5)
- 15 Guerrillas mostly leap about, cracking head with loud noise (10)
- 16 Member of acting family observed when drunk (5)
- 18 Performing duty, slip in an embarrassing manner (8)
- 19 Take flight that's packed in the Kent area (8)
- 22 Actor's business and current account's broken into (6)
- 23 Perhaps crawl right to the bottom (6)
- 24 Man and wife tucking into roast (4)
- 25 Like some cakes rising at the start of a month (4)
- 27 7 composition not beginning in language of 29? (4)

Solution No. 26,297

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