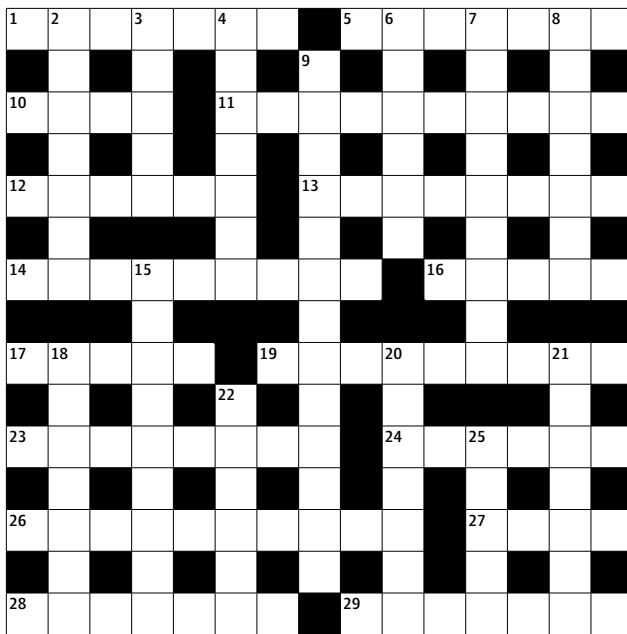


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Red alert – revolution succeeds, say Communist leaders (7)
- 5 Country's crime wave suppressed by emergency services? (7)
- 10 Petty criminal knocks over celebrities (4)
- 11 Dark-haired woman, now alone and a bit of a maneater? (5,5)
- 12 British queen's royal flag (6)
- 13 Originally, basmati rice was served sideways (8)
- 14 Chambers ran to some races (9)
- 16 Cold island imports temperature (5)
- 17 Speller's question on the radio (5)
- 19 One might catch Pike or Jack, if backed by tank (9)
- 23 They retaliate by throwing nerve gas (8)
- 24 Garland finds end of rainbow and heart remedy (6)
- 26 An eye for detail? (10)
- 27 Event horizon conceals source of lightning (4)
- 28 Short Hobbit carries copper and quicksilver (7)
- 29 As requested, bishop keeps worrying about love (7)

Down

- 2 Skip about to keep fit – it's all the rage (7)
- 3 Cowardly Conservative disembarks jet (5)
- 4 Nothing appropriate? I'm upset with ban (7)
- 6 Initial movement to take a swing? (4,2)
- 7 They say to rule women by fear regularly leads to downfall (9)
- 8 More angry footballer? (7)
- 9 Legal body setting actor's percentage (3,10)
- 15 Strange boy steals college money (9)
- 18 Bill's good at singing (7)
- 20 New umpire – he covers a wicket that's important (7)
- 21 Illustrations providing clue to rat? (7)
- 22 English cricketer plots English runs (6)
- 25 Finish your food, Enid (3,2)

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