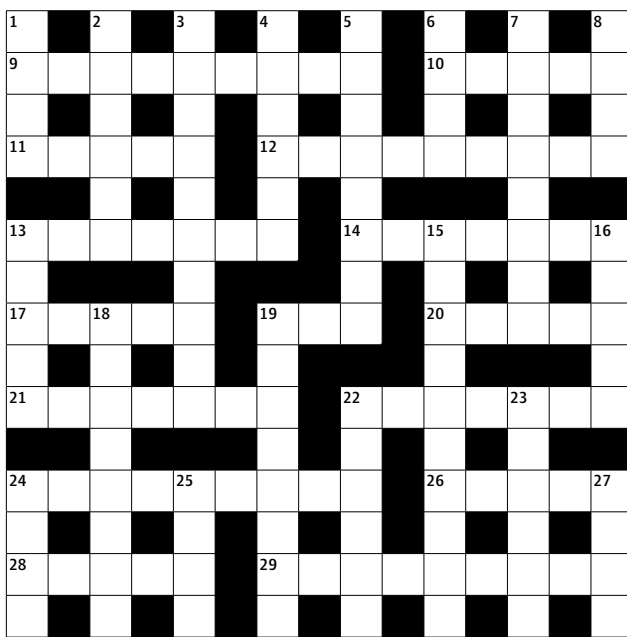


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 27,077 set by Qaos

Across

- 9** Short of time, Rita tried a broken shed light (9)
10 1 retiring, say, getting very old (5)
11 Play English actor (5)
12 European brewing cider over spirit (9)
13 Bill really doesn't like Aeneas's companion (7)
14 Spooner's timid father finds food store (3-4)
17 Duke finished port (5)
19 1 perhaps Rambo misses mother (3)
20 A quiet, posh prime minister backing increase in intensity ... (3,2)
21 ... then wildly runs by a large entrance (7)
22 REM comeback follows band's finale with strange musician (7)
24 1 fictional TV and radio presenter? Aha! (9)
26 Jollies undress from top to bottom (5)
28 Wooden old actor takes final curtain ... (5)
29 ... with artist hugging endless comedy stars (9)

- 5** Novel writer encapsulates dreadful pirate sacking island (5,3)
6 Turkish commander has a good laugh (4)
7 Ground in supreme authority (8)
8 Fruit are squished when put under pressure (4)
13 Dad dancing – extremely liable to confuse! (5)
15 Leaving Earth on holiday? Take in Uranus at the beginning (10)
16 1p + 1p? Er ... (5)
18 Disciples are against books by stars (8)
19 Exhausted, like "la" or "te"? (4-4)
22 Inside, doctors are cooking quails (6)
23 Might she wear tights having no runs? (6)
24 Party to develop a "Third Way" (4)
25 22 across's endless call (4)
27 1 small and pale (4)

Solution No. 27,070

Down

- 1** 1 under par that's ignored girlfriend ... (4)
2 ... following her rejection, to embrace nice odd European (6)
3 With victory secured, Hector returned a hero (10)
4 Wine regularly drunk by young men and women (6)

