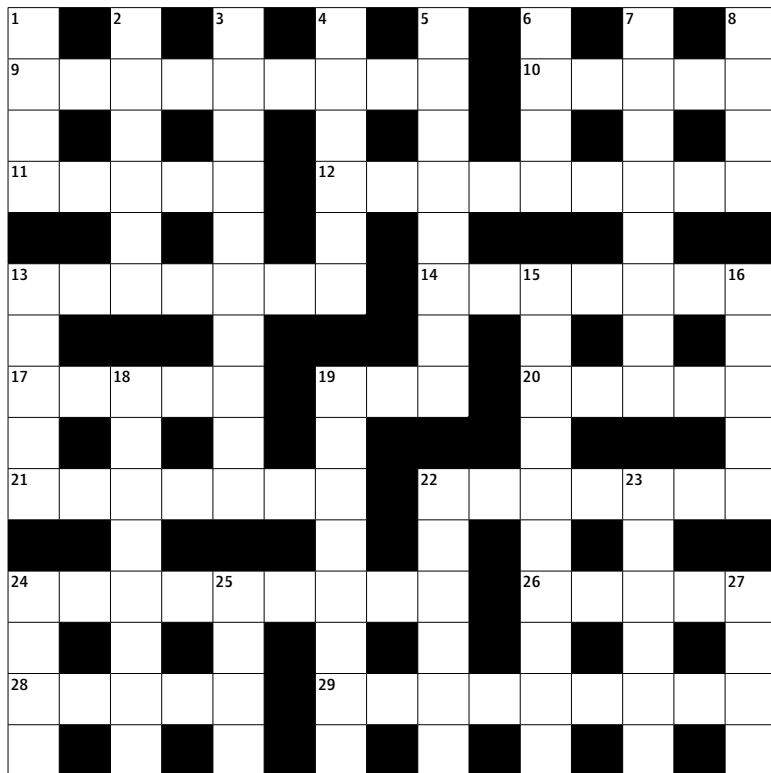


Guardian cryptic crossword No 27,578 set by Qaos



Across

- 9 Money problem for the shoe-dwelling old woman? (9)
- 10 Siege in the style of Farah? (5)
- 11 Bearing of player in the Iran-Contra affair (5)
- 12 Tip of rhubarb? No, I crave tripe! (9)
- 13 Green Goblin initially breaks into Number 10 – Spider-man’s unaffected by this (7)
- 14 Uri can’t bend screen (7)
- 17 Grown out of Nick Park’s 1993 trousers? (5)
- 19 Crew finally returns from Vietnam (3)
- 20 Country ignoring church, starting to descend into sin (5)
- 21 In the future city goes left, then sideways (7)
- 22 Stop fighting when armistice really starts (4-3)
- 24 Trouble in bed? Politician’s nail breaks (9)
- 26 Continue with German sausage roll? Not I (5)
- 28 Offers to capture rebel leader and those taking flight (5)
- 29 Infamous doughnuts, with holes on the outside, eaten in North America (9)

Down

- 1 Ripped into eight or nine pieces (4)

- 2 One bringing up children behind the Queen (6)
- 3 Griffin she turned into food (4,6)
- 4 Like Jack in The Shining: extremely scary - chop, chop! (6)
- 5 Fuel container Tom can’t use, but ___? (8)
- 6 Vehicle that carries regular team and another (4)
- 7 Spoil bag, so tea’s stewed (8)
- 8 Men’s back exercise – skipping, say? (4)
- 13 Maybe I swear to overthrow the French (5)
- 15 Officials arrest girls misbehaving without latitude (10)
- 16 Bottom of messy drain (5)
- 18 Take for a ride via trams? (8)
- 19 Mmmm ... I’m upset by large cats (8)
- 22 Small European bird spotted in outskirts of Prague (6)
- 23 Dowager welcomes knight’s opening (6)
- 24 Young English 8? (4)
- 25 Craving for flour – is it regular? (4)
- 27 Direction to the Guardian’s street (4)

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