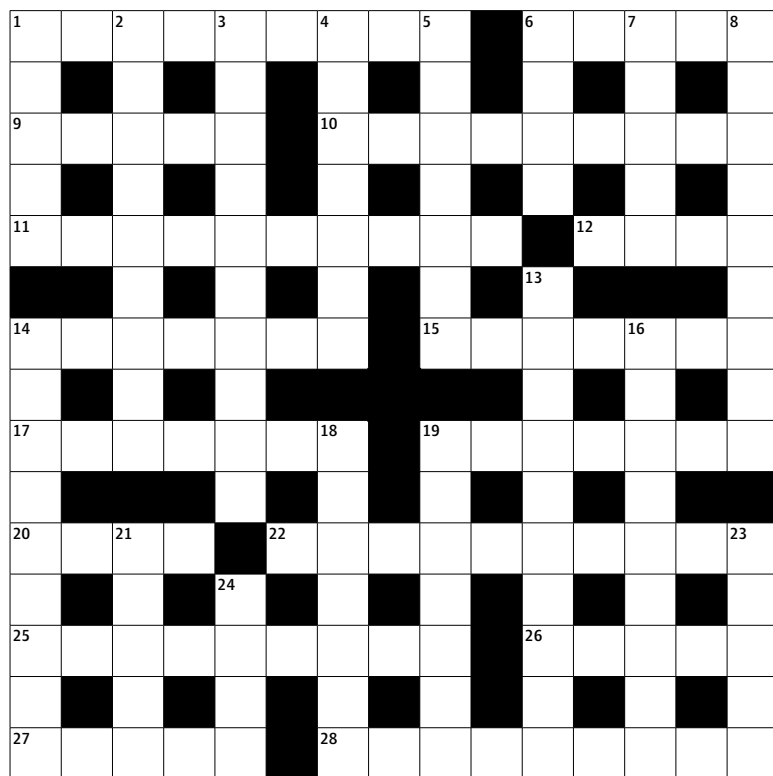


Guardian cryptic crossword No 28,390 set by Qaos



Across

- 1 Sausage and mash – was butter right substitute for energy? (9)
- 6 Allegedly, food banks produce little fire starters (5)
- 9 Bother with a horse, say, otherwise go back (5)
- 10 Basic gluing regularly for a DIY tool? (6,3)
- 11 Sends reports of plot discovered in steelworks? (10)
- 12 Leaders suggest England's ruled by a European (4)
- 14 Giant bikes require work to replace a bearing (7)
- 15 Before first kiss, nervously phone fabulous bird (7)
- 17 Type of irrigation: 99? (7)
- 19 Jeans exchange hands – initially, elongated stripes become checks (7)
- 20 Drunk knocked back small drink (4)
- 22 Toad, rabbit and sea dog (10)
- 25 For Penn and Teller, according to Carroll, it's a driving mechanism (9)
- 26 Film-maker Shyamalan wants opening of movie to be darkness (5)
- 27 American guitarists have the last word over vote (5)
- 28 Electrical devices grill her toast on Sunday (9)

Down

- 1 Pound locks up special animal (5)
- 2 A new setter, I state, is heavenly (9)
- 3 Cryptically, God in sin? (10)
- 4 Racing cars like to carry 50 7s (7)
- 5 Restaurant where Spooner's woman to come first (3,4)
- 6 Light beer after a drop of pilsner (4)
- 7 Scoundrel to attempt return, hiding in Paris street (5)
- 8 Rock bands love sex from behind in isolated environments (9)
- 13 I never slow cook animals (10)
- 14 Approximately 1000 top best in revolt – it's a really nasty place to be (9)
- 16 Longing for battle, lost again (9)
- 18 Sycophant in slow-moving vehicle (7)
- 19 Umpire trading iron for titanium – now he no longer works (7)
- 21 Most annoyed about a little bit of rainy weather (5)
- 23 Football clothing starts to excite strikers and wingers (5)
- 24 Capital to be seen during October/November (4)

Solution No. 28,389

