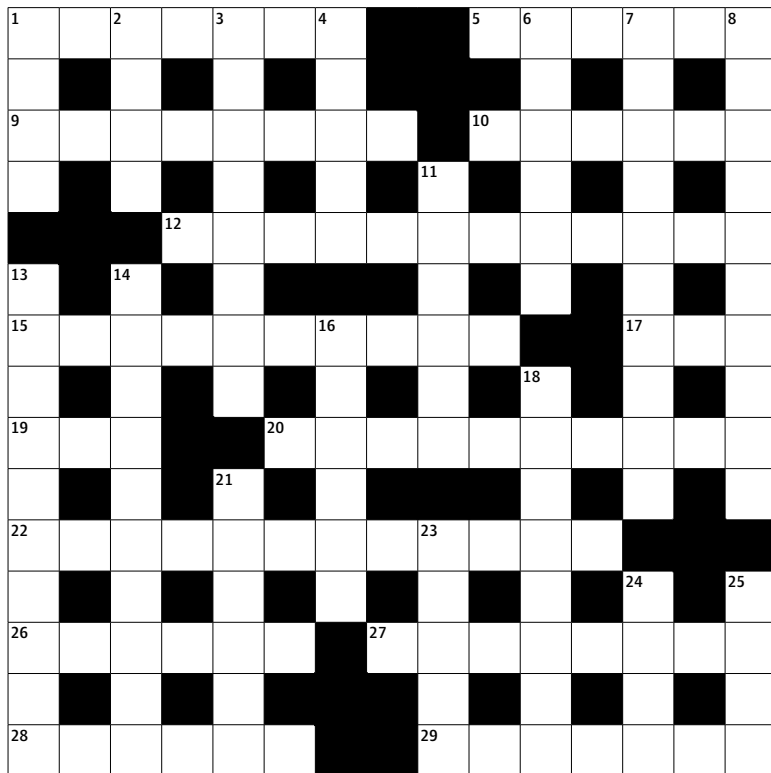


Guardian cryptic crossword No 28,544 set by Qaos



Across

- 1 Penetrating piece (7)
- 5 Not even super finished this vegetable (6)
- 9 Old lines surround area abroad (8)
- 10 $100 \div 1 + 10 + 1$ in series (6)
- 12 Rotten crisis produced bans (12)
- 15 Rather start to read story about 4, see (10)
- 17 Proper moisture on the air (3)
- 19 Very wide animal (3)
- 20 Rights of celebrities to collect fare (10)
- 22 Conceited, like an out-of-body experience? (5,7)
- 26 Nothing in shops is sent back dirty (6)
- 27 Sailor pursues war over poisonous plant (8)
- 28 Fugitive leader gets news for a pound (6)
- 29 Fox heard ET is grounded (7)

Down

- 1 Somewhat retired MP, or chief whip (4)
- 2 Makes bonds by losing money (4)
- 3 Looks at home – time to wear glasses? (8)
- 4 Initially, greasing roast with cooking fat is hard work (5)
- 6 Apple regularly supported by workers in factories (6)
- 7 Person rode erratically in military

- 8 Cross stars never get sacked (10)
- 11 Difficult task to drink up measure inside (6)
- 13 Criminal in France, very old-fashioned royal (10)
- 14 $19 \div 50$? Poet's reduced rate (4,6)
- 16 Choosing French wine, discovering lots inside – gallons! (6)
- 18 Pass learner with ride's redesigned accelerator (8)
- 21 Cardinal saves church with end of steeple in decline (6)
- 23 Spring day with Easter's first card (5)
- 24 Origins of putting: Augusta tournament's historic course (4)
- 25 Small starter of duck and shrimp (4)

Solution No. 28,543

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