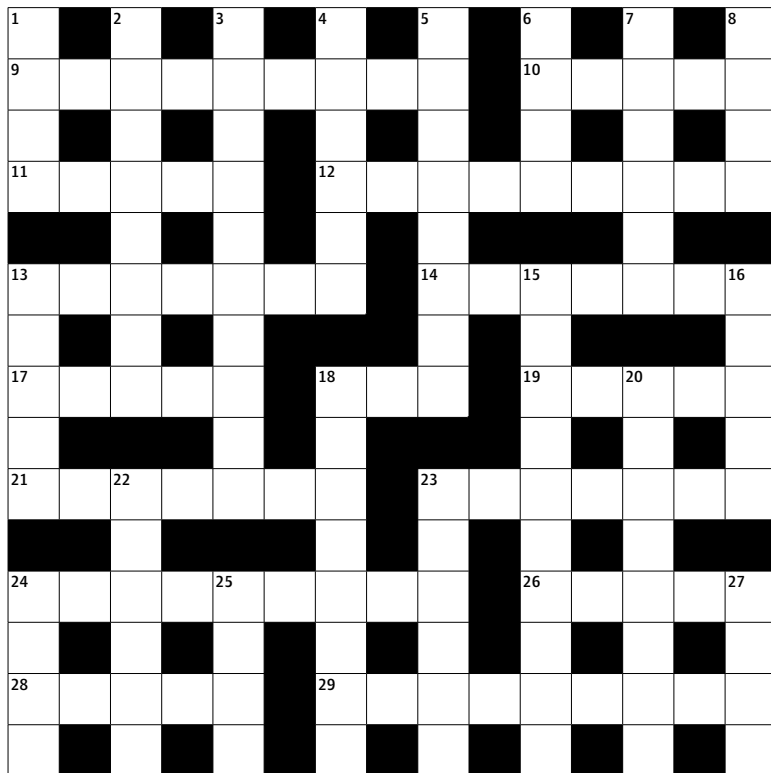


Guardian cryptic crossword No 30,025 set by Brendan



Across

- 9 Old fighter happy I reversed schedule (9)
- 10 The writer's penning line as children's author (5)
- 11 Blind faith in a male deity? Just the opposite (5)
- 12 Trying afresh, male gets absorbed in parental task (9)
- 13 Prior to game of cards, a cut (7)
- 14 Author named in expression of surprise (7)
- 17 Republican in charge producing offensive poster (5)
- 18 Backed team's long shot (3)
- 19 Celia's name-change? (5)
- 21 Lewis, Oxford don and writer (7)
- 23 Befuddled brain taking in article after article from part of Asia (7)
- 24 Short piece of text in suitable American structure (9)
- 26 Squeeze using spades in dummy (5)
- 28 Robust half of comic duo (5)
- 29 Test data? Assesses excessively (9)

Down

- 1 Old or modern artist endlessly showing up (4)
- 2 Kind of court that proceeds by leaps and bounds (8)
- 3 Italian playwright's storyline mostly about Ireland, oddly (10)
- 4 Serious English or Irish novelist

(6)

- 5 Dorothy's largely wrong steer, as usual (8)
- 6 Novel part of proof putting off learner at first (4)
- 7 A large tree or plant (6)
- 8 Floating object waterbird's almost turned over (4)
- 13 Like part of ancient Greece that's accessible by flights? (5)
- 15 People as created initially in books (10)
- 16 Author's a mug, used to drink a lot (5)
- 18 Process yielding mixed results is what you seek (8)
- 20 Launch minimal review of restaurant (8)
- 22 Write for newspaper about position of left wing (6)
- 23 English author sharing pronunciation with state capital (6)
- 24 A pale cast? Just the opposite (4)
- 25 Fish farm, so to speak (4)
- 27 Tragic heroine, as Dickinson, say, quaintly concludes (4)

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