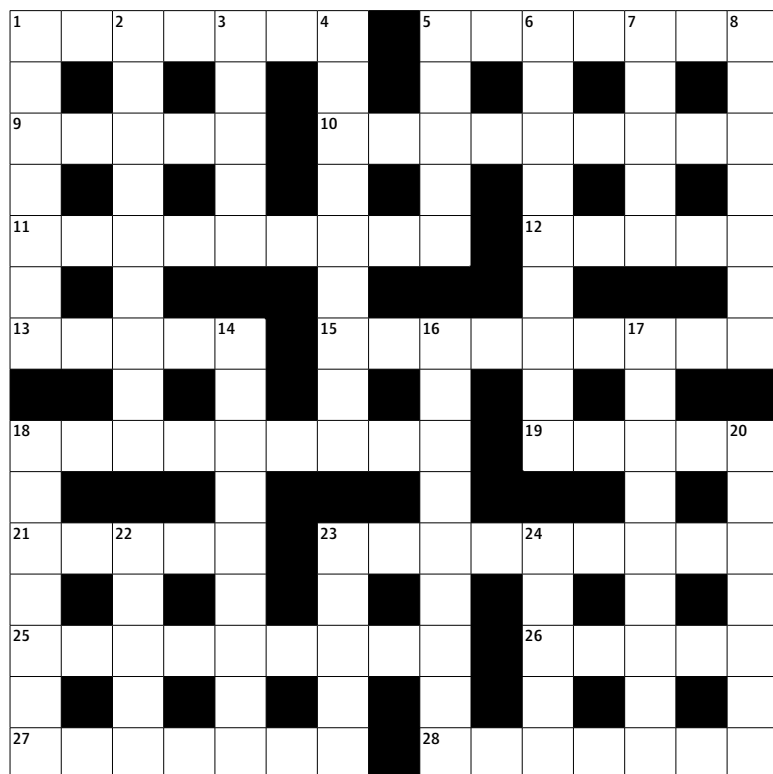


Guardian cryptic crossword No 30,049 set by Brummie



Across

- 1 Writer playing along with EU (7)
- 5 As corsets are spiked all over (5,2)
- 9 Master goldsmith's lead file (5)
- 10 Is cricketer able to provide a handy means of access for consumers? (3-6)
- 11/12 You won't see board members taking part in this criminal bloc's NHS fiddle (9,5)
- 13 Ruddy good to get in a depressed state! (5)
- 15 Evening: almost time to collapse (9)
- 18 Department head is getting recognition? Rubbish! (9)
- 19 Right wants a familiar ex-PM judged (5)
- 21/23 Police state can't, without a new study of underground movement? (5,9)
- 25 Top grade rations ordered by advanced health centres (9)
- 26 Gathering close to Gulf Stream (5)
- 27 A cross between tense and loose, as, say, kid's clothing is (3-4)
- 28 Old king protecting (or regressing) fledgling colony (7)

Down

- 1 In which X often appears with a broken leg support (7)
- 2 Happy soul dancing round Ireland's top flower (9)
- 3 Was wolf-like lecturer against

- journalist's opinion piece? (5)
- 4 Like a single draughts piece - 100 now under review (9)
- 5 Scored, though showing signs of age! (5)
- 6 Test player, international, opens another player's electrical store (9)
- 7 Poet's slowish to drop a name (5)
- 8 Country's introducing a Latin examination (7)
- 14 China might be after this line-up - open secret (9)
- 16 Billionaire accepts new car 'hard to break in' (9)
- 17 Maybe Titian or Turner's main form of grinding (9)
- 18 Pledge from would-be MP - dregs! (7)
- 20 One's place in Doris's show? (7)
- 22 Seize one with leader ousted in a new vote (5)
- 23 Wrong end of the dish (5)
- 24 Tender and even more sickly? (5)

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