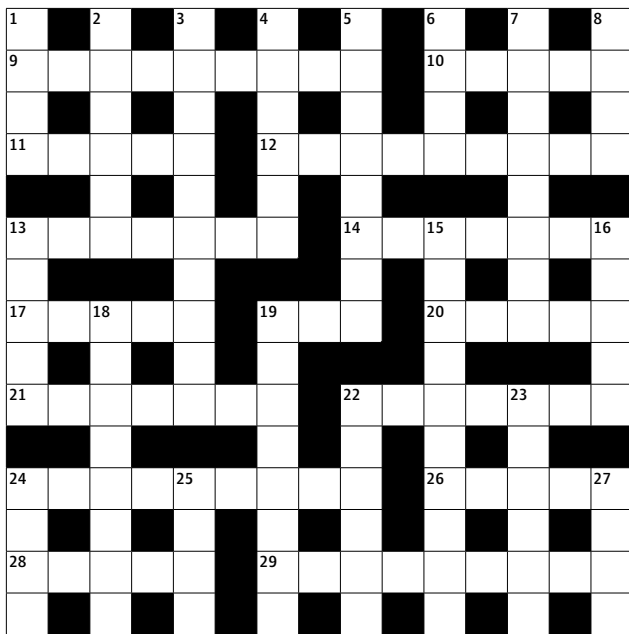


Guardian cryptic crossword



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An anniversary tribute

Across

- 9** Flinch from Arthur, in a fix (4,1,4)
10,22 With a hostess improperly chasing the above tennis player, the end is inevitable (5,2,5)
11 Rise of Hilaire Belloc (5)
12 Fine and nice-looking fish (5-4)
13,27 Peter with an amusing kind of music (4,3,4)
14 Knowing no bounds, Medicis push back for the ultimate escape (7)
17 Knife that's commemorated here (5)
19 Island or not? (3)
20 House guest in transit the other way round (5)
21 Lunatics lacking a form of medication (7)
22 See 10
24 Most fair, if minister adopts the riot act at last (9)
26 End of life wasted in calling for nurse (5)
28 Note hesitation about hospital discharge (5)
29 Shell uncovered in Israel exploded to cause a disturbance (5,4)

Down

- 1** Lead deserters head north (4)
2 Use this when in the Sahara, bickering (6)
3 Men partial to get drunk in this house (10)

- 4** Father grabbed the girl and ran (6)
5 See 6
6,5 Piano's working for new arrival (4,8)
7 Sort of crane to install ring in annex (8)
8 Spot in the Hautes-Pyrénées (4)
13 Be revolting and look revoltingly up and over top of bra (5)
15 Sporadically gets darker, rising within a short distance (2,8)
16 Pitchers titchers? (8)
18 Thought to have secured victory right in the middle of the action (8)
19 The Guardian finally kick the bucket: editor held in compiler's arms (8)
22 Tasty piece of nipple? (6)
23 Champions need a higher oestrogen dose (6)
24 "To knit or not knit" sounds like some wisdom (4)
25 Prison term for the enemy (4)
27 See 13 across

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