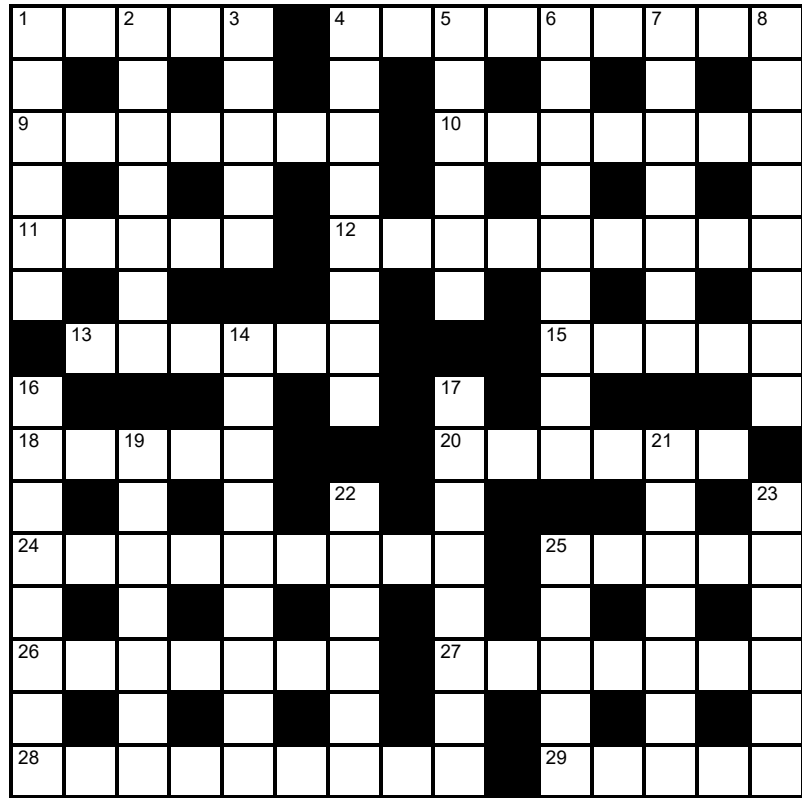


Puzzle for Macclesfield S&B

The grid-fill was initiated at a Boatman masterclass last September, thanks to all of you.

Across

- 1 Endlessly at it, leftie becomes exhausted (5)
- 4 Touching mate in loo gets complicated (9)
- 9 Keen on plush elements in puzzle (7)
- 10 Declining calls regularly during affair (7)
- 11 Bring forth first woman to embrace well (5)
- 12 Communications unit oddly never goes to little room (5,4)
- 13 Hot maiden slips into underwear for barman (6)
- 15 Andrew forced to leave Switzerland after rubbishing composer (5)
- 18 To eat audibly with impudence is a typical Dutch bloomer (5)
- 20 Pathetic ring in mobile phone (2-4)
- 24 Waving rag by bull, one is likely to get kicked (5,4)
- 25 Counter selection of Margarita chocolates (5)
- 26 Immobilise bomb in urban area (3,4)
- 27 Groups of geese I put in for a bit of laughter (7)



- 6 Sickness will heal through hugs (3,6)
- 7 Ships changing direction primarily to find those of a tacky old profession? (7)
- 8 Support revision of Italy's constitutionality? (8)
- 14 A time for cheap shots (5,4)
- 16 Repeated sex, time and time again, with journalist (8)
- 17 Popular escape provided during an aeroplane journey (2-6)
- 19 Snakelike German meets the French among the French? (7)
- 21 Cured tricky problem with date (7)
- 22 Preserved recording describing old queen (6)
- 23 Very wet turf restricts practice (6)
- 25 At first, the instant gratification hijacks the penny-pinching (5)
- 28 Slag off what Frogs might say on record (9)
- 29 Bound with rope, assuming Dutch went with the flow (5)

Down

- 1 Refuelled and drove fast (6)
- 2 Managed to invite unending spite (7)
- 3 Dig date with a lot of legendary beings (5)
- 4 See ass in changing facility (8)
- 5 What change is needed to turn me into one doing rather well? (2,4)