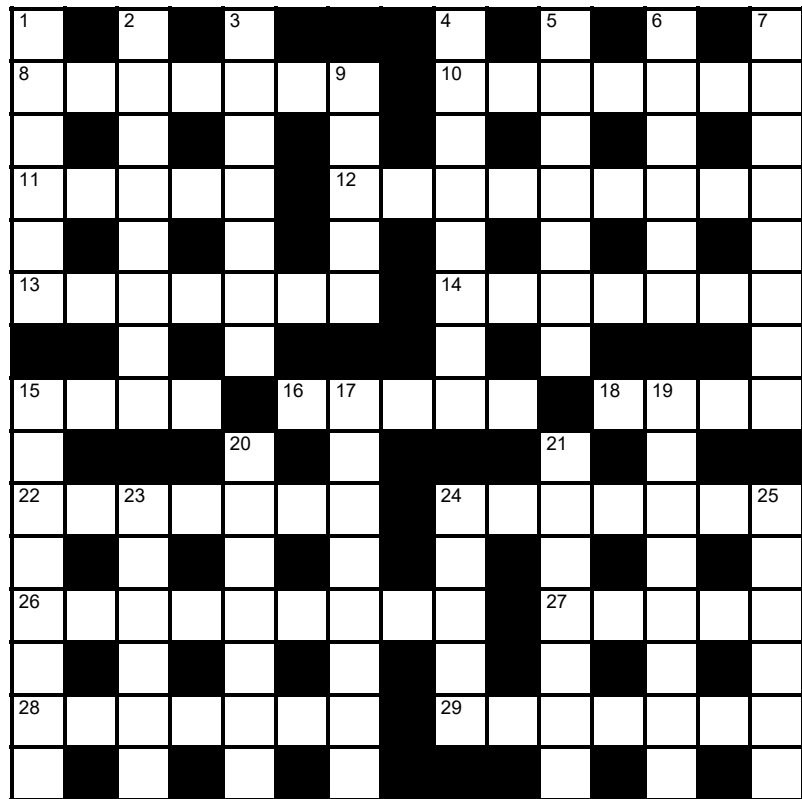


Across

- 8 Speak about fitness training work (7)
- 10 County where 17 might get frisky? (7)
- 11 13 author – that’s Oscar, essentially bitter (5)
- 12 Curse pronounced on cad somewhere in Holland (9)
- 13 Novel Russian garden? (7)
- 14 Pain reliever needed when Greek character starts to run in November (7)
- 15 Old Roman taking refuge in Muscat, Oman (4)
- 16 Horses crop grass in field, it’s reported. (5)



- 18 An expression of regret in the style of Brahms, ultimately (4)
- 22 Island home (in Channel Islands) for Italian manager (7)
- 24 "In shed" – incomplete alibi for swimmer? (7)
- 26 Spooner’s paper concealed being troubled by witches (3-6)
- 27 Celebrated Dancer’s endless steps (5)
- 28 Tiredness some scoff at, I guess (7)
- 29 Missiles tracking unknown plants (7)

Down

- 1 Upwardly mobile snob with virtual assistant producing dwarf trees (6)
- 2 Echoing notes ran wild (8)
- 3 Captain shortly takes tea in test for robots (7)
- 4 Sea swamps rising American telecom company in part of France (8)
- 5 Try to offer inducements at first (7)
- 6 Look at a goose? He might! (6)
- 7 Unusual fellows empty trays for leftovers? (8)
- 9 Look around
- 15 Scotsman returns with rod for engine component (8)
- 17 Animal sounds – like rain before grass springing up (8)
- 19 The French support fashion house (not independent) in Eastern Canada (8)
- 20 Six family gardens cleared for TV series (7)
- 21 Stopper almost lost in treatment (7)

- 23 When expected information comes back, deny! (6)
- 24 Olympic cyclist touring Tyneside – say, that’s sweet! (5)
- 25 Drive through American street (6)