

Across

- 1 It could provide direction for school lacking Head (5)
- 4 Something driven around old capital is taxi for pygmies? (9)
- 9 She delivers former politician on time to centre of Paris (9)
- 10 Use it to cross river in either direction (5)
- 11 Returning later, perhaps with one character replaced by a slut? (6)
- 12 Play in event entertaining a former Republican (8)
- 14 Rail supporter in party reviewed American traffic (10)
- 16 Backsliding Aussie almost showing restraint? (4)
- 19 Man of importance eschews highway for high life (4)
- 20 Victoria's tongue briefly described by delegate as sharp (10)
- 22 Determined to throw out reels (8)
- 23 Scotsman possibly exchanging daughter for German monster (6)
- 26 Sodium is associated with character of Greek pottery (5)
- 27 Case abandoned by monarch before taking flight (9)
- 28 Writer of *Rocketman* on the phone? (9)
- 29 Quantities taken as before in line with directions (5)

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Down

- 1 Muddy quality attractive to hippo initially absent? It's OK (9)
- 2 Singer imbuing service with charm (5)
- 3 Frequently performed play (8)
- 4 Prominent couple of Cypriots entertaining relations in Nicosia? (4)
- 5 They may apply optics to the formulation of glasses (10)
- 6 Likely to be lost in this part of Yorkshire? (6)
- 7 Artist's model reclined on one? (3-6)
- 8 Captured by way of mistake? No! (5)
- 13 Essential details of underwear lots (5,5)
- 15 Addinsell composed a movement of substance (9)
- 17 Plantsmen apply program to new resistance-free strains (9)
- 18 Retrospectively, boy and man nearly approved (8)
- 21 Conservative to resign after split (6)
- 22 Topless dresses revealing sparkling assets (5)
- 24 One moving slowly upwards ensnares fifty birds (5)
- 25 Look pleased when final element of opera cycle appears first (4)