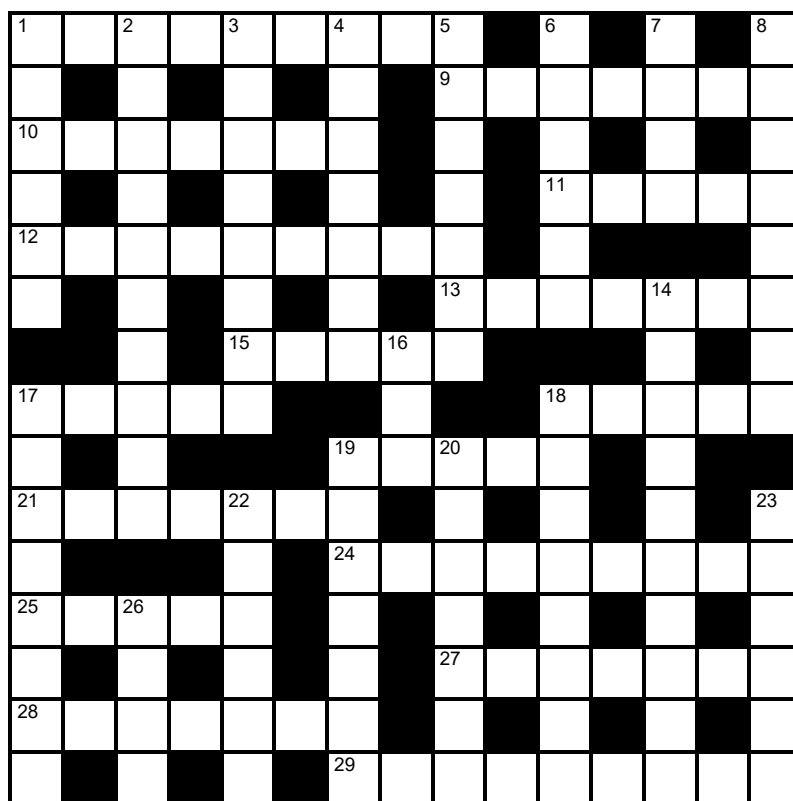


Across

- 1 Starting, or finishing? (7,2)
- 9 Charge attendant to drive first (7)
- 10 Island from which Simon's partner, a Greek character, starts to swim back (7)
- 11 First pair of cellists intermittently interrupting exuberant band of musicians (5)
- 12 No longer thinking dear? (9)
- 13 Release a sequence of games without charge (3,4)
- 15 A shilling off first-class return (5)



- 17 Secured old hat first daughter discarded for good (5)
- 18 Supports signs in bars demanding silence (5)
- 19 Lift bundles of papers, guillotine the edges (5)
- 21 Opposed to giving up gains, Pole is in danger (2,5)
- 24 Doctors, for example, appear so old when drunk (4,5)
- 25 Spell "rattle" out loud (5)
- 27 Feel cab edging backwards contributing to disaster (7)
- 28 Introductions from

- radio broadcast by former partner (7)
- 29 Confuse Spooner with two names for the Invisible Man? (3-6)

Down

- 1 Haggard queen infiltrates women's groups making demands (6)
- 2 They identify irrelevant politicians, drinking coffee half the time (10)
- 3 Italian on vacation looked after fiancée (8)
- 4 Lady in work unit lifting building material (7)

- 5 Harry Potter's rebellion? (7)
- 6 Significance of my name being Ruby, perhaps? (6)
- 7 Shy playmates? (4)
- 8 Whips available from Emmanuelle at her salon? (8)
- 14 Block of flats is screened for development (10)
- 16 Reminder: it's sadistic cutting off hands (3)
- 17 Gets in a clinch with slapper - crumpled after beginning to gag (8)

- 18 Fob off resolute attempt to up the ante? (8)
- 19 Regional German Ambassador heads evil forces in a manoeuvre (7)
- 20 Entertainment displaying a lack of inhibition? (7)
- 22 Express willingness to agree over issue (for compensation) (6)
- 23 Accommodate fool (4,2)
- 26 Thanks for turning up - work is over (4)