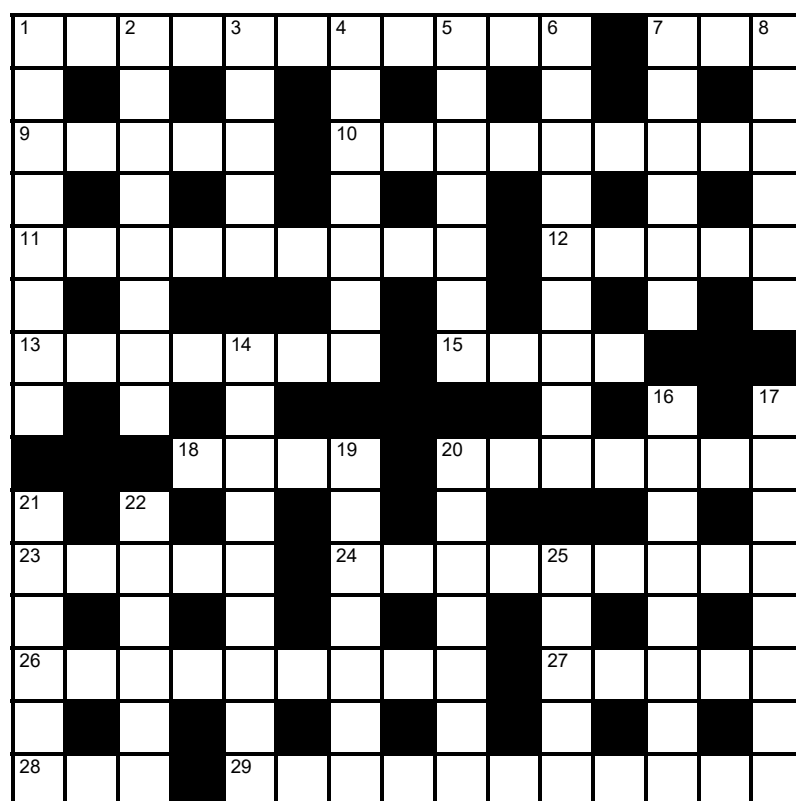


Across

- 1 Adjust pipe to alter rear wiper (6,5)
- 7 Briton occasionally lacking life (3)
- 9 Unnamed female TV cop is tight-lipped (5)
- 10 They're fully exposed, misplacing trust in a scam initially (9)
- 11 Drift apart and in a sense become inadequate (4,5)
- 12 Scottish banker went on termination of contract (5)
- 13 Haggard heroine lived in dodgy bar (7)
- 15 Elderly relative's an idiot (4)
- 18 Predecessor of Don T's first victim (4)
- 20 Gloomy library evacuated urgently (7)
- 23 Elderly classical author's place in Yemen's capital (5)
- 24 What's used to burn off waste rubbish round church? (9)
- 26 Quirky writer Blair possesses 100 church books (9)
- 27 I'm in charge inside second team (5)
- 28 Clean air (3)
- 29 Top-class script (11)

Down

- 1 Insensitive tenor's to perform more sporadically (8)
- 2 Absorbed editor supports broadcast as a joke (8)
- 3 Strategy Ptolemy adopted where he ruled (5)
- 4 Write piece about current emperor? (7)
- 5 Help out pal briefly in the wake of depression (5,2)
- 6 Queen losing head after game against King in fabulous place (9)
- 7 Exhausted female hugged by friend in Chicago (6)
- 8 Leg boundary not flagged on the pitch (6)
- 14 Atrocious crime by no means elementary (9)
- 16 Speed reduction follows sign of distress ... (8)
- 17 ... incidentally on hard shoulder? (2,3,3)
- 19 Generous contributors to mounting total are billionaires (7)



- 20 Verbally criticise basic food from Italy (7)
- 21 Mushroom pâté (6)
- 22 Spiteful like a female setter? (6)
- 25 Tried again to pass over weapon (5)