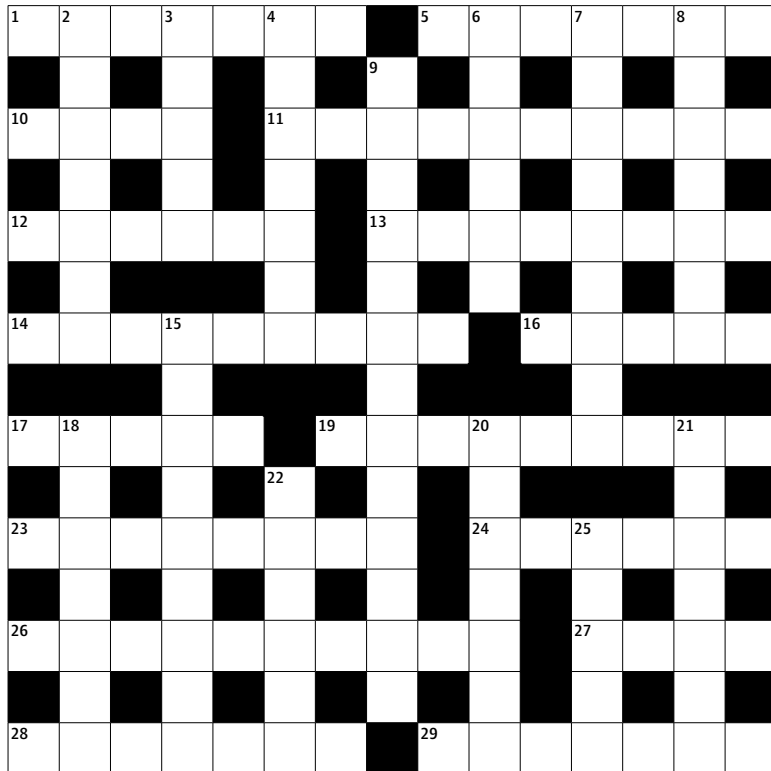


Guardian cryptic crossword No 28,387 set by Vulcan



Across

- 1 Time off is sacred – I had a break (7)
- 5 One beats by a very short distance (7)
- 10 Perhaps hawk’s attempt to catch rook (4)
- 11 Gamely implying lawn is inferior? (4,6)
- 12 Site around area in Kensington, for one (6)
- 13 Do only mediocre cricketers have these? (8)
- 14 Odd cardinal has funny ideas for a game (4-1-4)
- 16 Stupid to put toddlers on this? (5)
- 17 Fairies showing personalities? Not at first (5)
- 19 Character that directs one elsewhere (9)
- 23 Most worrying tooth decay, in a way (8)
- 24 One should not eat more quickly (6)
- 26 He sells at a knock-down price (10)
- 27 A throw of the dice rejected in centre of revolution (4)
- 28 Vegan at first madly ardent to be green (7)
- 29 Trifling sum for strip (7)
- 3 Help province up country (5)
- 4 Stuffy serials need rewriting (7)
- 6 Assassins who spare women? (3,3)
- 7 Give voice with opera cast in Asian city (9)
- 8 Demanding to take dope during leave (7)
- 9 After rant, head arranged to punish humiliatingly (3,3,7)
- 15 Hated former editor keeping old car (9)
- 18 In talk, entice to accept shocking treatment (7)
- 20 Compel men to go through broken fence (7)
- 21 Revolutionary spray dispenser (7)
- 22 Lament hit on head, calling in doctor (6)
- 25 Take a turn round a kingdom (5)

Down

- 2 Paperwork finished without tears (7)

Solution No. 28,380

