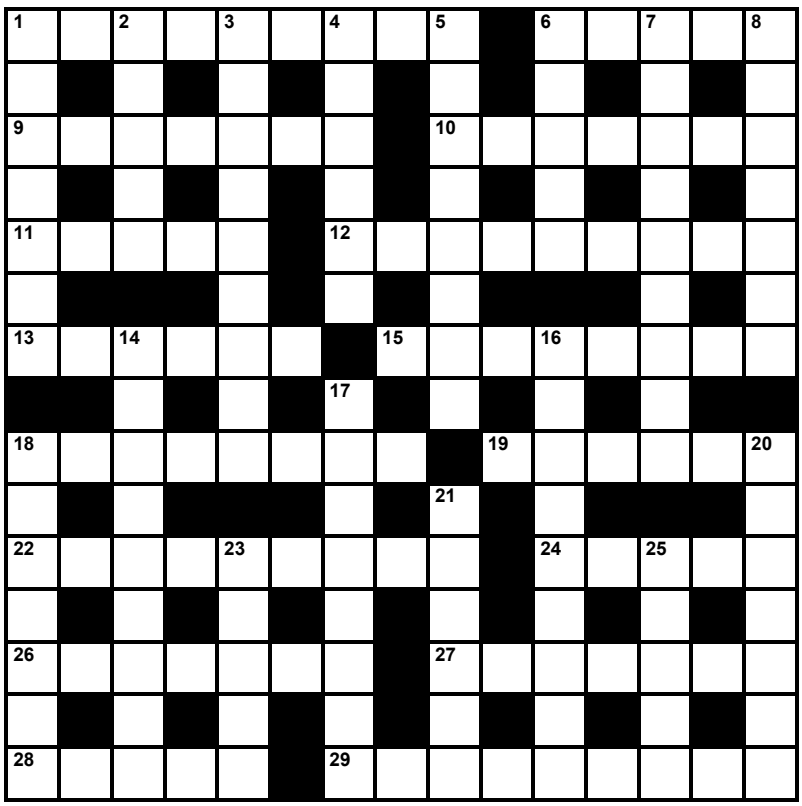
NTSPP - 175 by Alchemi

People appearing in the grid would have celebrated their hundredth birthdays this year



Across

1 St Paul worried after Felix gets weapons (9)

6 Be in debt to Poles for Olympian (5)

9 Van corrupted with rust is a moon rocket? (6,1)

10 Source of tapioca found in Africa's savannah (7)

11 Chopping into little pieces, getting rid of the last of old decoration (5)

12 Karl has no trouble with person of enormous interest (4,5)

13 Take a holiday, somewhere near an Indian coastal state? (2,4)

15 Stupid little child takes Lee Evans initially for a journalist (8)

18 Transport expert living around Spain and Switzerland (8)

19 British king with time for German statesman (6)

22 New recruits somehow enticed us (9)

24 Expression of disbelief as new lover rubs out wounded owl (5)

26 Shot back-to-front rodents held in veneration (7)

27 Precedents seen in country backing on to California (4,3)

28 Tyneside street has small homes (5)

29 Actors going into the street, having resistance to another actor (9)

Down

1 Feature about America finally encouraging actor (7)

2 African king a long time dead is risen (5)

3 Soldier with chart for passage (9)

4 Astronomer's almost beautiful line (6)

5 Complicated acrostic about Greek bloke (8)

6 Expels Jack from mediaeval fights? (5)

7 Airline taking a trio of Americans home for battle (2,7)

8 Unfinished joint passed round by socially awkward manager (7)

14 Amusing stories of energetic dance breaking toes (9)

16 Stretch of water where breastfeeding is awkward without deft arrangement (6,3)

17 Tentatively entered hotel, taking exercise clothed in leotard initially (2,6)

18 Composer chewed over the end of *"Tannhäuser" (7)*

20 Gardener to propel boat through the river (7)

21 Tree is able to be a receptacle for rubbish (6)

23 Eccentric American writer (5)

25 Servant's beer time after five (5)