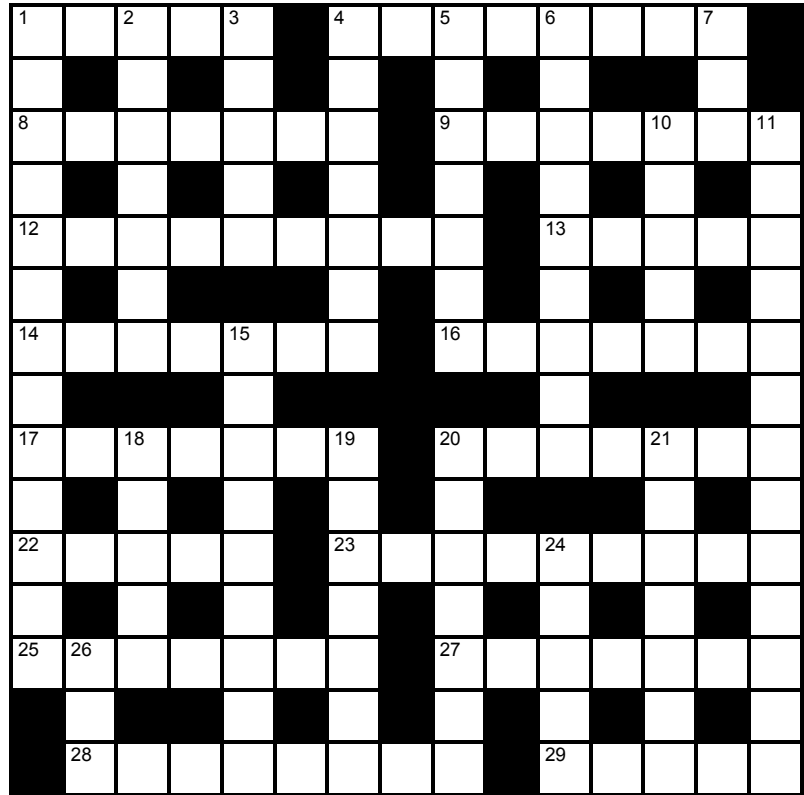


Across

- 1 Some clever dick who wrote operas (5)
- 4 Items of Anthea's making (8)
- 8 Slump in business after Christmas period (7)
- 9 It may say 'Peter' on the front and back! (4,3)
- 12 Love to travel? Some advice for one taking flight in season (6-3)
- 13 She has her own company (5)
- 14 Mobile number on which crazy caller starts ringing one (7)



- 16 Veg still pence apiece (4,3)
- 17 Not the whole story, but about right (7)
- 20 Expense allowance? Go out in style! (3,4)
- 22 Sphere that's takes a long time to revolve (5)
- 23 Spanish side of bacon with real nuts (9)
- 25 Diligent quote oddly erased in correcting fluid (7)
- 27 Such precision is beside the point (7)

- 28 Venus in the centre caught by crafty Serena's traps (8)
- 29 Communications course (5)

Down

- 1 Odeon? DVD? I mean, potentially there's an easier way to watch a film (5-2-6)
- 2 Demand return of miracle plays (7)
- 3 Discernment is not this sugary stuff (5)
- 4 Germ-free, as shown by detailed check after a month (7)
- 5 Regulars in tears

- 6 Arrived, and left on song, having bagged husband material (9)
- 7 Hollywood's *Paris in the Spring*? Au contraire (3)
- 10 Crossword's recent milestone (not clued cryptically) (3-2)
- 11 Bug with exotic name like 'the Continental Disease' (6,7)
- 15 Classic *Jaws* feature showing when staff upped and left before end of film (6,3)

- 18 Trunk or part thereof (5)
- 19 A brutal criminal ordered into cells (7)
- 20 Airborne infantry circling Germany and Eastern Marches (7)
- 21 Female superhero (4,3)
- 24 Borders of Essex and Cambridgeshire left to be distinguished (5)
- 26 Reflect upon loss of mass employment (3)