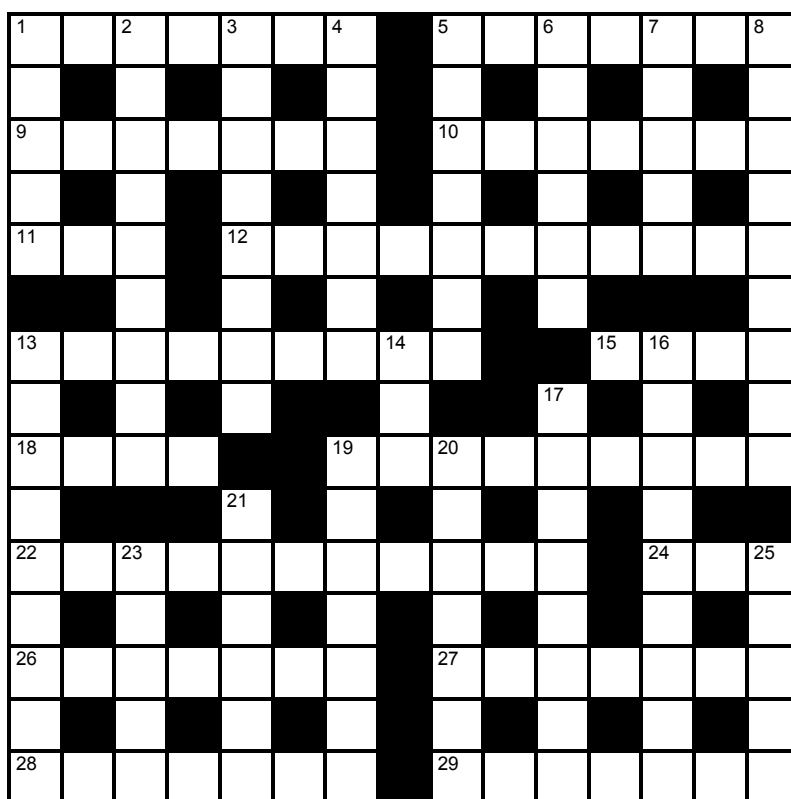


Happy Birthday

If a lot of them were not already dead (in some cases for rather a long time), you could wish all the people in the grid a Happy Birthday on Sunday 18th January.

Across

- 1 Goes further away to hear plants again (7)
- 5 Not being definite about erecting borders for the garden (7)
- 9 Grand golf club by Delaware's wine-growing region (7)
- 10 Aviator's order to stay silent about work by comedian (7)
- 11 Removing the head of a deer is child's play (3)
- 12 Actor right to stop very short holiday being ruined (6,5)
- 13 Retired footballer has to put up with detective by the side of the field (9)



- 15 Asian myth still current (4)
- 18 Dwellings which would be closed when back to front (4)
- 19 Bar bill incurred by general accepting victory drink (5,4)
- 22 Emu question puzzled French philosopher (11)
- 24 Head of cricket increasing prize (3)
- 26 Writer's fifth article about backing South American capital (1,1,5)
- 27 Actor tore back to function (7)
- 28 Drugs passed a test held internally (7)

- 29 Grammy winner from Britain - is she in Strasbourg? (7)

Down

- 1 Crossword solver's friend runs over twig (5)
- 2 Star roughly tracks relative time (4,5)
- 3 Jockey of the French north-west rings deserted deanery (8)
- 4 Small circuit being blocked by rocks in the northerly direction is unexpected (7)
- 5 Military personnel get hot, mostly, before getting rid of old socks (7)

- 6 Department hides missing fish at the bottom of the sea (6)

- 7 Colder one that's in credit (5)

- 8 How a grey I trained could run amok (2,7)

- 13 Louche characters' loose circle banish me (9)

- 14 Film Australian character (3)

- 16 Could be a real nice American waterway (4,5)

- 17 Be discomfited as Pete's gut rumbles (3,5)

- 19 Children receiving what Manuel said are Little Chef hats (7)

- 20 Port in ancient times starts to handle exotic food (7)

- 21 Wearing fur, the French get shot (6)

- 23 Called to withdraw all but the last ultimatum (5)

- 25 Super smashing prize (5)