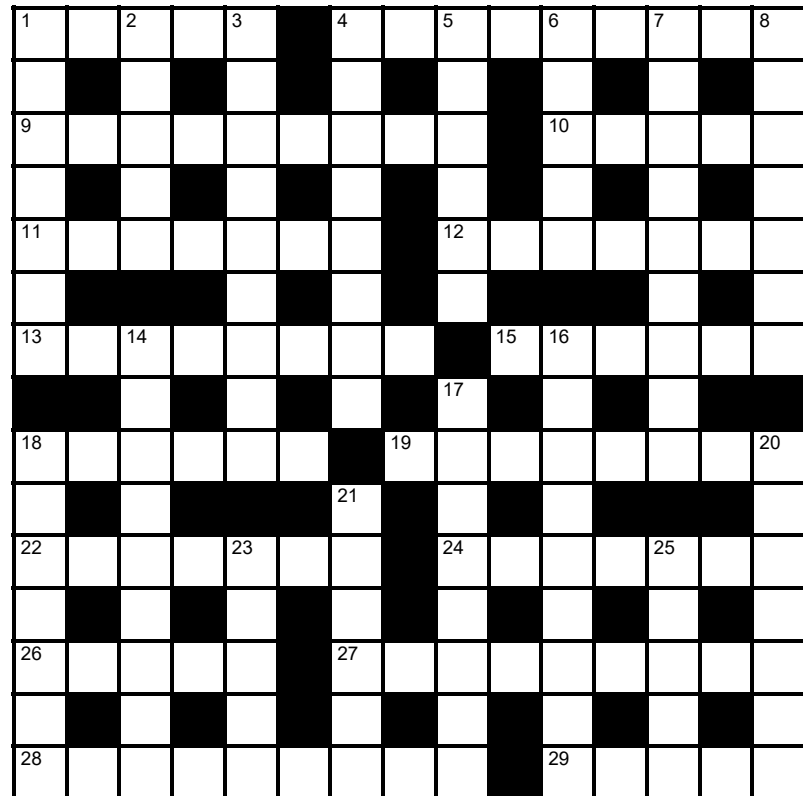


## Social Distancing

*The wordplays in eight clues lead to two distinct elements which are appropriately separated in the solution.*

### Across

- 1 Pilot boat putting out in the morning (5)
- 4 Supporting King George before Edward's initial broadcast (9)
- 9 Apprehensive about first of exams, college degree not guaranteed (9)
- 10 Vet valued hints every so often (5)
- 11 English cover put around American import of *Catch-22* (7)
- 12 Sink one before hosts start on Scotch (7)
- 13 He's lived with unsettling disorder (8)
- 15 Moderates are covering for Boris, inwardly worried (6)
- 18 Does same job as Bob Savage, spending week aboard coach (6)
- 19 Against Conservative twisting stuff (8)
- 22 Root regrets missing half season (7)
- 24 Left Italian international in goal after rotating reserves (7)
- 26 One about to deliver bitter (5)
- 27 Right returning old item of underwear famous duke's pinched (9)
- 28 Nude wrestling



- stretched church's patience (9)
- 29 Come after stolen suede skirts (5)
- Down**
- 1 Seemed very much like a zombie, one conceded (7)
- 2 Stand when stuffing fish (5)
- 3 Suggest upturn hasn't got very close (9)
- 4 Shared gin flips with one such as Branagh? (8)
- 5 Order, alternatively someone who's desperate to receive one (6)
- 6 Domain name and
- URL leaving beginners confused (5)
- 7 I keep posters in order to dream about Dorothy Dandridge, essentially (9)
- 8 Admires character at rear of firefighters holding bucket (7)
- 14 Played his damaged reed badly (9)
- 16 Jerk milked complaint, ultimately releasing PDF flier (9)
- 17 He puts up with another friend of Pooh's, a turtle on vacation (8)
- 18 Block newspaper editor's opening salvo (7)
- 20 Time women go off rhubarb (7)
- 21 Understanding about a 'male issue' (6)
- 23 One sums up how to turn tips of bine into beer (5)
- 25 Rents are staggering in street that's on the up (5)