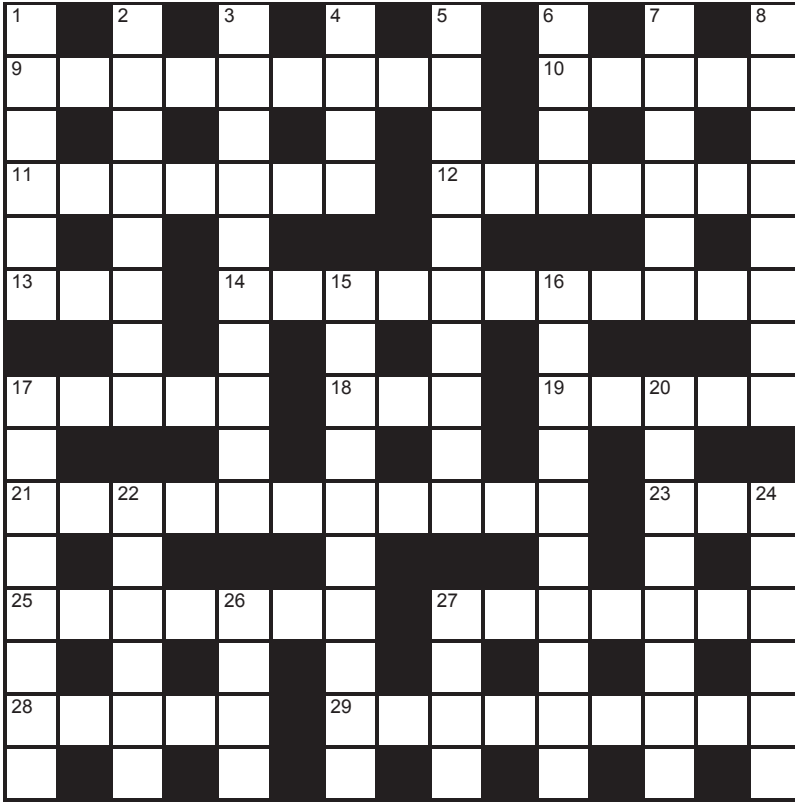


CROSSWORD

No 16,765 Set by GOZO



The nine clues which lack definitions form three thematic trios which may provide a solution to the problem in 27 different ways

ACROSS

- 9 Oceanarium, not posh, serving coffee (9)
- 10 To which some patron contributes (5)
- 11 Duck at first looks like any Walt Disney animated goose, on reflection (7)
- 12 Box with nine in – one missing (7)
- 13 Eire's European monarch (3)
- 14 Mafia adviser distributed sloe gin and rice (11)
- 17 Bird will change course back by far end of lake (5)
- 18 Airline's new embargo (3)
- 19 Attract agency typist with training at first (5)
- 21 Bans A-levels about Bloomsbury Virginia's sister (7,4)
- 23 Scout regularly drunk (3)
- 25 Army group having no time for slimming course (7)
- 27 Young boy harbours desire (7)
- 28 Charged over small transgressions (5)
- 29 See guerrilla in list (9)

DOWN

- 1 Worn edges switched (6)
- 2 Go first, taking constant exercise (4,4)
- 3 More than one money manager is in France, troubled (10)
- 4 Orchestra drops Elgar's *Introduction* (4)
- 5 Argument against technique making moral sense (10)
- 6 It may blow up turning up in Canterbury (4)
- 7 Surge forward grasping love (6)
- 8 See 26
- 15 Easy jobs smashing 18 Renoirs (2-8)
- 16 Smallest piggies allowed into refurbished toilets (6,4)
- 17 New verger has his points (3,5)
- 20 Mothers-in-law sadly lose loan (3,5)
- 22 Drink and drink and drink! (6)
- 24 Doctor cutting fish in cold zone (6)
- 26, 8 Fail to spot blemish on half the vegetables (4,8)
- 27 Kinnock's heartless thrill (4)

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