

Crossword 16,906 Set by Chalmie

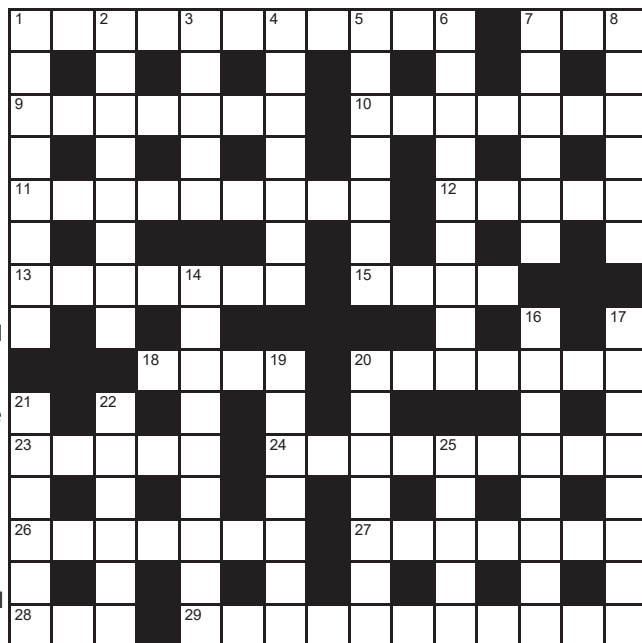
A birthday puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Casually wander by and see what starts at sunrise (5,3,3)
- 7, 28 Boozer in fashionable capital (6)
- 9 Exhausted capturing queen snake (7)
- 10 See 8
- 11 Angry about botched raid, what can Ray do? (9)
- 12 German army's spirit (5)
- 13 Surprisingly hard-line, dirty, and another thing (7)
- 15 Dead lecturer swallowed (4)
- 18 On the radio, played trombone down (4)
- 20 Counsel truth in defence of backing reptiles (7)
- 23 Initiate an investment offering low interest? Sauce! (5)
- 24 Gradually separated grape-water, skipping fifth fermentation (4,5)
- 26 Less than 20 support horse getting drug (7)
- 27 Very sensitive dossier newspaper opens (7)
- 28 See 7
- 29 Meanwhile, I shall meet it, losing some energy changing (3,4,4)

DOWN

- 1 Book helps players (8)
- 2 Broadcast (though not online) water falling down wall cavity (3-5)
- 3 Down to study fear (5)
- 4 Big mouth Broad loses footing in every case (7)
- 5 Having washed hair, what to do where there's no oil (3,4)
- 6 Solver's escorting dishevelled gents, one being 26? (9)
- 7 Nasty sort of collision at a party for women only outside (4-2)
- 10 Police produced every one of a breakout they foiled (6,3,4)
- 14 Aid Malala to become a spiritual leader (5,4)
- 16 Some skewbald, an itinerant horse which won the National (8)
- 17 Waist injured before, you might say (2,2,4)
- 19 Say key battery has potential for new life (3,4)
- 20 Section of strangely wet newspaper carried in left hand (7)
- 21 Article on Turkey cheers about system of enlightenment (6)
- 22 Prevent everyone leaving wooded area (6)
- 25 Get things together in the morning, idiot! (5)



Solution 16,905

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Jotter pad