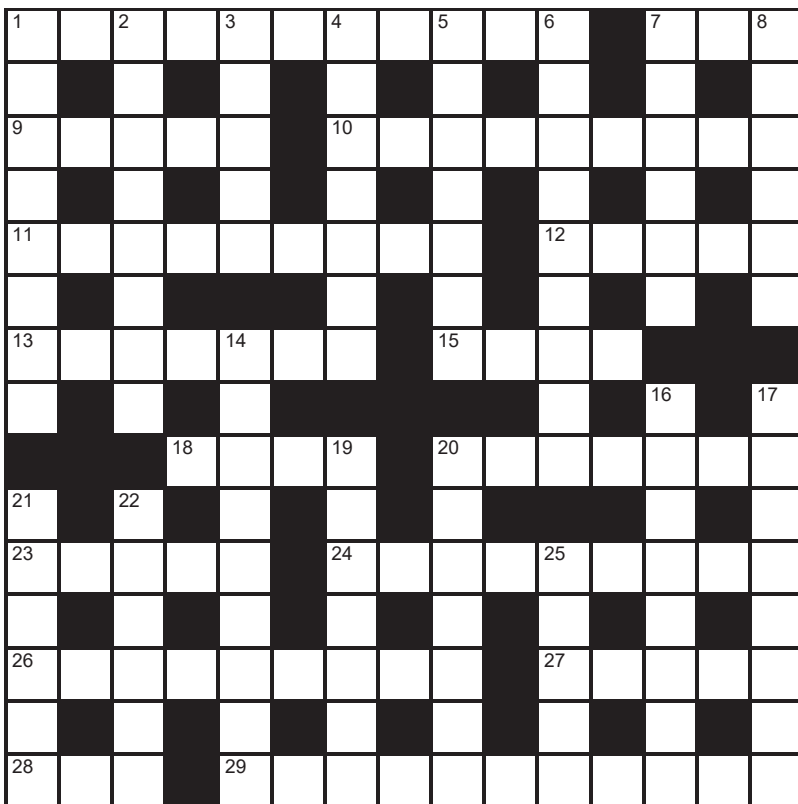


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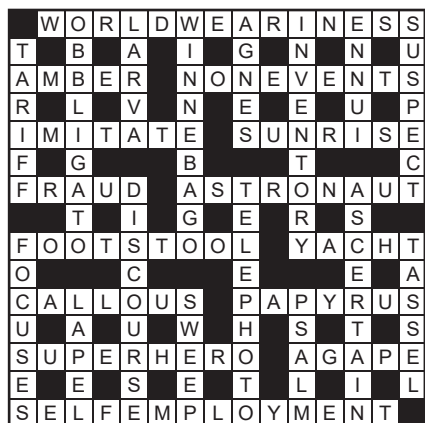


**A puzzle to mark today's bicentenary**

## ACROSS

- 1 Cram meeting with changes of little substance (11)
- 7/23 Uncertain as a yacht race (3,2,3)
- 9 Jaguar drivers content with protection (5)
- 10 Suitor hides request in memo (9)
- 11 Turn last of spaghetti into junk food (9)
- 12 Regularly glean piece of heredity (5)
- 13 Knocked out one of the best players holding little back (7)
- 15 Call round (4)
- 18 Returned to satisfy characters (4)
- 20 Ingredient provided by page on horse (7)
- 23 See 7
- 24 Independently books with the Spanish provider of mixed accommodation (9)
- 26 Unrecognisable damaged globe lacking protection (9)
- 27 Crazy to trim a lot (5)
- 28 Break that needs minding during training (3)
- 29 Disgraced peer ordering dry rosé promises to pay (5,6)

Solution 17,669



## JOTTER PAD

## DOWN

- 1 Caution staff hiding soldier with ship (8)
- 2 Time of little maritime uprising (4,4)
- 3 Animal kept by train driver (5)
- 4 After blackout, crashed Bluebird is put back together (7)
- 5 Probe one of the boat people (7)
- 6 Crisis following accident in hospital (9)
- 7 Everyone is becoming less green (6)
- 8 Start First Aid during meal (6)
- 14 About time woman raised expletive, maybe (9)
- 16 Could be time for words (8)
- 17 Losing female's terribly stiff calf hurts (8)
- 19 After quiet year in Italy, first night for runner on bed (7)
- 20 Support genuine spirit (7)
- 21 Putting by swishing air violently is not golf, for starters (6)
- 22 Finishes handling drink (4,2)
- 25 Reserves right to hold mother's flower (5)



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