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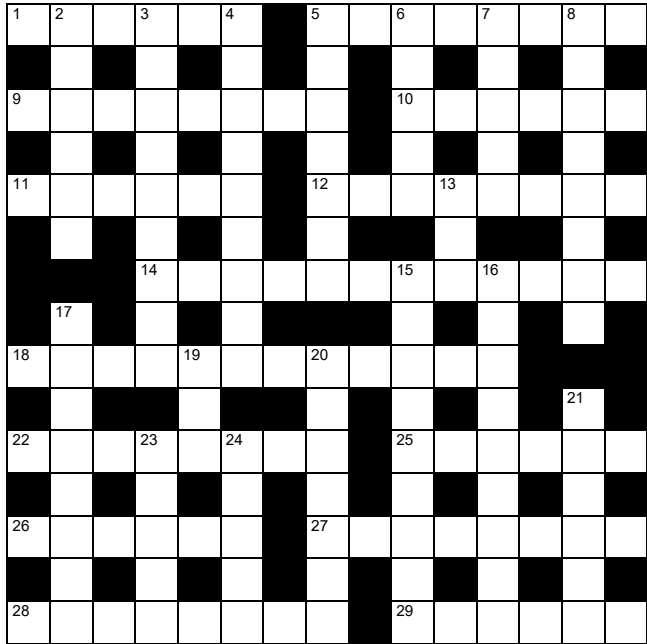
A puzzle to mark the FT Weekend Festival

ACROSS

- 1 Pestert cutting English lady seeking the top job (6)
5 To Raygun, dancing is futile (8)
9 Where stories are written in novel, writing about entertaining AA Milne character (8)
10 On the radio, 70s rock band was impressive for Gen Z (6)
11 Comedian has big success following current trends (4,2)
12 Caution and quiet work where you may find 14 or Robert 1 works (8)
14 Travel writer moving around Chile, man touring China and island (7,5)
18 FT contributors blab about cryptic setter and top politician (3,9)
22 Worries overwhelming tough cockney match officials (8)
25 Puccini part Callas heartlessly mocks (6)
26 Trump — a terrible ruler? Okay if avoiding extremes? (6)
27 Glum eccentric and old Republican turning round buildings (8)
28 Purifies 100 illegal drugs, following tips (8)
29 Khalaf is calling banks about certain revenue (6)

DOWN

- 2 Online assistant admits current problem with reading (6)
3 They care for the old roses, playing with them (4,5)
4 Mark grabbing strong wines and a fast ride (6,3)
5 Land revolutionary computer tech article, casing IBM developed (7)
6 Blow on starter of onion relish (5)
7 Schools ignoring one gender identity (5)
8 Tips from raffish, eloquent orator, iconic in verbal art (8)
13 Prance topless and have a doze (3)
15 Allowed to pen one French word, providing common phrase (9)
16 A king, with courage, hosting fellows in spats (9)
17 FT's involved with a live, fun event (8)
19 What's kept warm in cosy coat for teenage American (3)
20 Guarantees sense after rewriting lines you are texting (7)
21 Contemporary historian caught interrupting fake answer (6)
23 Political obsessive with a role for Timothée Chalamet (5)
24 Horny males ringing old phones when abroad, perhaps (5)



Solution 17,830



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