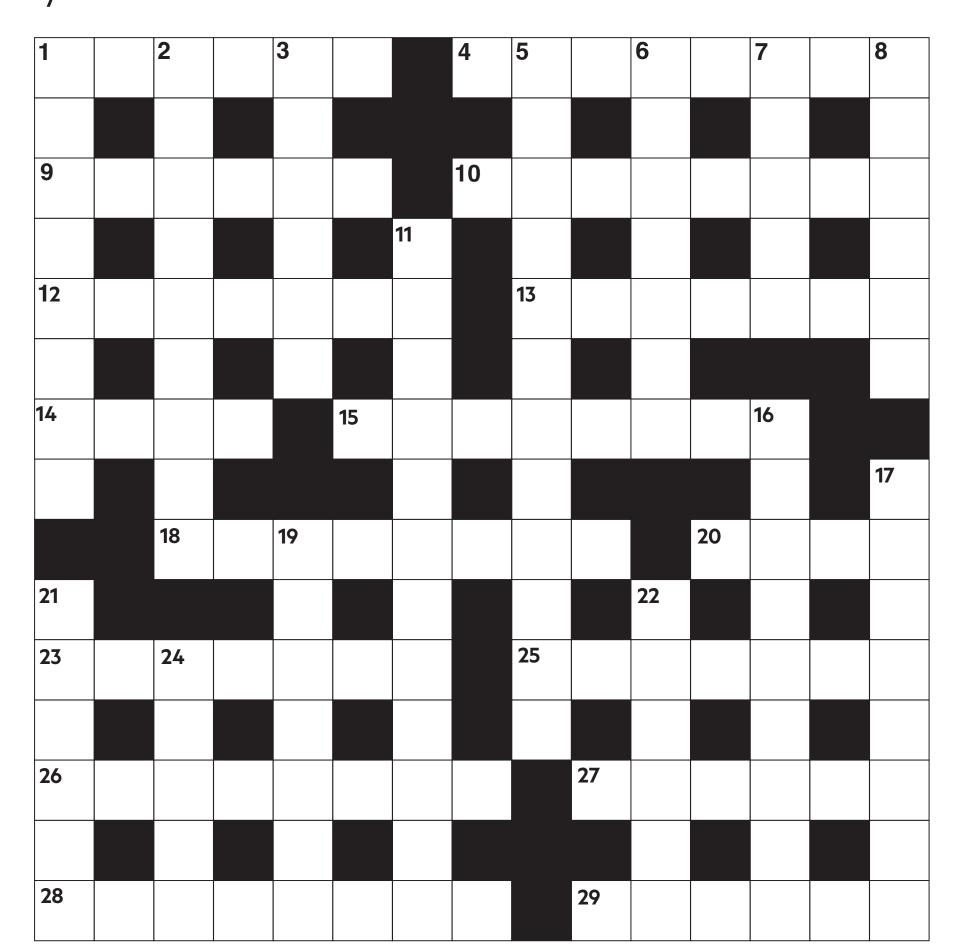
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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- Read (6)
- 4 Sword sheath (8)
- Regard, respect (6)
- Authorisation, consent (8)
- Bung (7)
- Pamphlet (7)
- Egg shape (4)
- Foreign service bureaucrat (8)
- Empty, vacate (8)
- Group of countries (4)
- 23 Yacht festival (7)
- 25 Make bigger (7)
- Angelic (8)
- 27 Warren dweller (6)
- 28 Inhabitant (8)
- Slumbering (6)

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DOWN

- Hacks at football to besiege penalty area (5, 3)
- **2** American leader's mixed up with oriental philosophy (9)
- Plain stage for exercise (6)
- Powers restrict bail changes to current bonds (12)
- Do well having arranged place for a drink (3-4)
- Block van, perhaps, with one learner driver (5)
- 8 Get larger fruit I left inside (6)
- 11 Joint expression that's clear (12)
- Fair amount raised by a rebel when unruly (9)
- Type of bottle to wet crops a new way (5-3)
- Villa's location outside university gets first element of deep shock (7)
- Record part of organisation's address the wrong way for shopkeeper (6)
- Edges of walkway, alas, ruined for ever (6)
- Estimate for odd parts of gauge on old ship (5)