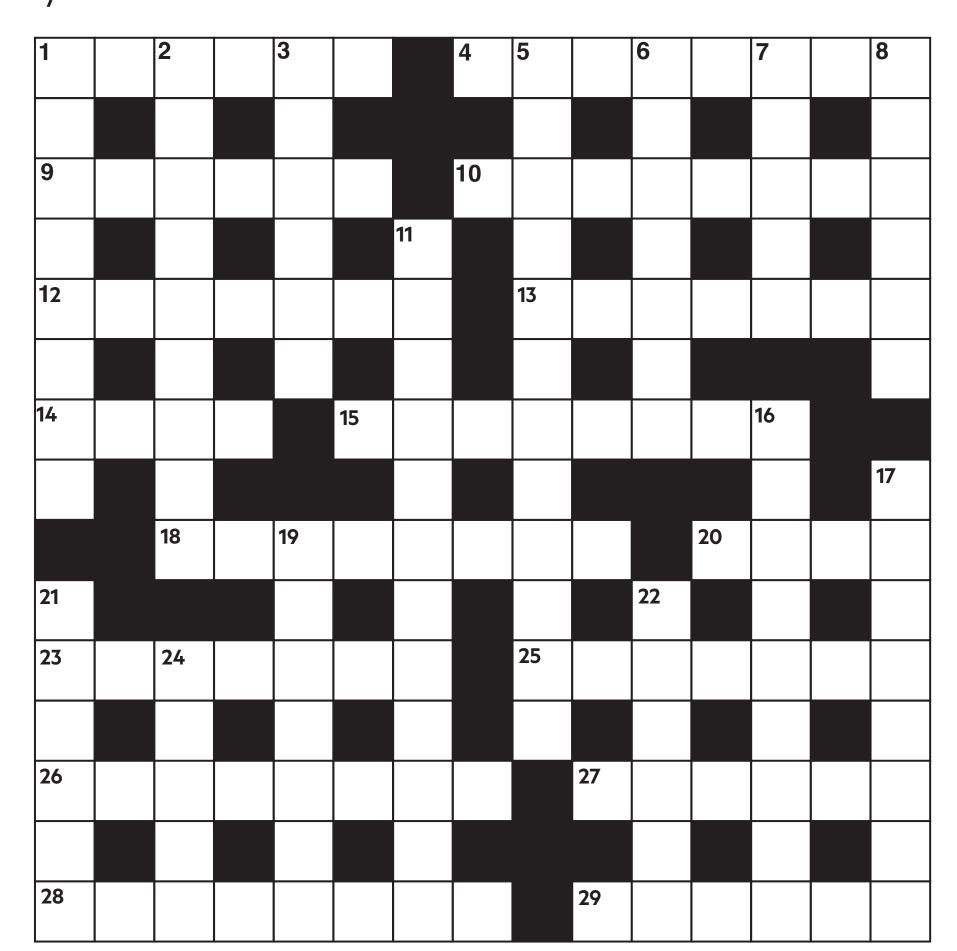
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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 1 On-off mechanism (6)
- **4** One-quarter of an old penny (8)
- **9** Edible bivalve (6)
- **10** Carefully prepared performance (3, 5)
- **12** Hovering bird of prey (7)
- 13 Chinese pasta strands (7)
- **14** Require (4)
- **15** Strike, shutdown (8)
- 18 Fabric wall hanging (8)
- 20 Long story, saga (4)
- 23 Educational award (7)
- **25** Finely detailed (7)
- **26** With flavourings added (8)
- 27 Look for food (6)
- 28 One who's rejected a religion (8)
- 29 Group of six musicians (6)

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DOWN

- 1 Confess about white wine that's appalling (8)
- 2 Tins twice remoulded with energy that's strong (9)
- **3** Encourages your health! (6)
- **5** Amazing wine pairings are arranged (3-9)
- **6** Put a cover up over bottomless pie dish (7)
- 7 Current agreement is perfect(5)
- 8 Oil state is heard (6)
- **11** Modest talent edited ancient books (3, 9)
- **16** Hoping for cough medicine with no alternative (9)
- **17** Rigorous appraisal of detectives in terrible state (4, 4)
- **19** College head's job includes regulating other various principals (7)
- **21** Soda's mixed with last of the port (6)
- 22 Release wild leopard that's tailless (6)
- 24 Instrument for operations when store is removed, perhaps (5)