Clues are normal but all solutions must be treated thematically before entry in the grid; confirmation that this has been correctly executed will then appear in the first and last down columns.

Deadline for entries is 23:59 BST on Saturday 3 July. You need to register once and then sign in to theguardian.com to enter our online competition for a £100 monthly prize.

Across
1 Caught best Scot a while back (4)
4 Superintendent crossing Junction 6 initially turns too much (10)
9 Islands in New York with abandoned ground (6)
10 Explanations about independent magazines (8)
11 Cross when breaking plastic tie clip, that’s clear (8)
12 Beware limits of legal tender in time of war (6)
13 Main thief’s standard party stuff (5,5)
16 Note dropped in cited prison (4)
17 Bond and Goldfinger’s ultimate row (4)
19 Passé adult quit date, sadly without note (10)
22 Forces out Old Bill more than once? (6)
23 Model of plane — mine is kept in small sack (8)
26 Tough troops located without cover — drone, perhaps (8)
27 Colour film finally accepted by an annual Parisian exhibition (6)
28 Cutlets in unusually thin slices, unknown ingredient initially missing (10)
29 European city service cutting 50% of security (4)

Down
2 Viz is tense, going after curtailed reality TV show (2,3)
3 Craftsman’s mostly unpleasant cheese sandwiches (7)
4 Thus hungry bully gets by (5)
5 Finish in seedy bar, both topless in a drunken state (7)
6 Thrills of crumbling prehistoric strongholds (4,5)
7 Little auk in America plunged after tailless marine mammal (3,4)
8 Painting it from equilateral fragments (9)
14 Most frightful old king first to scoff pork pies (9)
15 Editing department responding to stimuli, externally (9)
18 Assert case, partly over player (7)
20 Revolting celeb essentially a little social climber (7)
21 Flamboyant sailing vessel vacated? (7)
24 Scandi said to stoop (5)
25 Seamlessly change a little over half of painkiller (5)