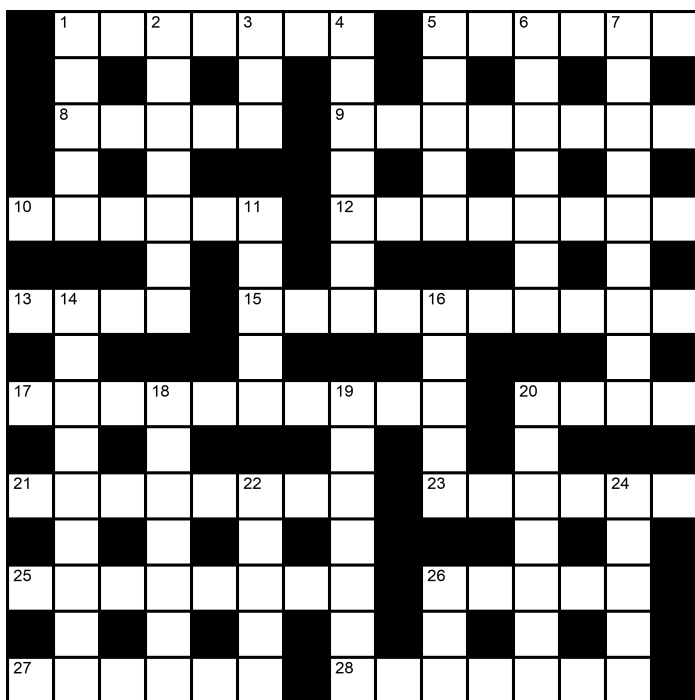


Genius No 275

Set by Odo



Across

- 1 Argument with country club having special backing for Go West concert (5,2)
- 5 Projections of other light reflecting for one second (6)
- 8 Poem's dead funny, apart from prose introduction (5)
- 9 Worry further, mostly about storage unit (8)
- 10 Uproar and disapproval expressed about rum smuggler mainly (6)
- 12 Portugal supporter covering unusual top weakly (8)
- 13 Sheila's nervous, still not over accepting love (4)
- 15 Ruby, the woman with magnificent jewellery, is a distraction (3,7)
- 17 Cachet of setter bothered housing councillor and journalist (6,4)
- 20 Cancelled vital services for fear that society shifts rightwards (4)
- 21 Pearl somehow limiting delay in adrenal disease (8)
- 23 Rap artist taking in European capital in comeback - sucker! (6)
- 25 Condemn study after bringing in Welsh university (8)
- 26 Attempt to turn in wife - despicable person (5)
- 27 Wood cuts weirdly if warped (6)
- 28 Meet outside of factory after current issue stops tests (7)

Each clue contains an extra word; these words' middle letters give a hint to the theme. Two unclued entries are thematic. After filling the grid, solvers must change ten letters to make six new entries, providing a symmetrical representation of the theme.

Deadline for entries is 23:59 BST on Saturday 30 May. You need to register once and then sign in to theguardian.com to enter our online competition for a £100 monthly prize.

Down

- 1 Holy man's depressive illness paradoxically starts to help unbelievers (5)
- 2 Rowdy boxer drinking reporter's tea wrongfully (7)
- 3 Knowing lover, move swiftly (3)
- 5 Allowed to be on upcoming Legislative Assembly committee (5)
- 6 Less steady ride, struggling over extreme roads (7)
- 7 Another world record, including 10-0 over City before final matches (9)
- 11 Coming up against informer's warrant card (5)
- 14 Mostly getting better for everyone available for impromptu dinner? (2,3,4)
- 16 On USA vacation earlier eating fish and duck (5)
- 18 English bosun heading off to provide assistance for swimmer (7)
- 20 Uncovered condition of horses, limping around softly on right side primarily (7)
- 22 Information on adviser in charge of what's inherited (5)
- 24 Genuinely lacking energy to recover faith (5)
- 26 Moderately conservative people in general remaining tense (3)