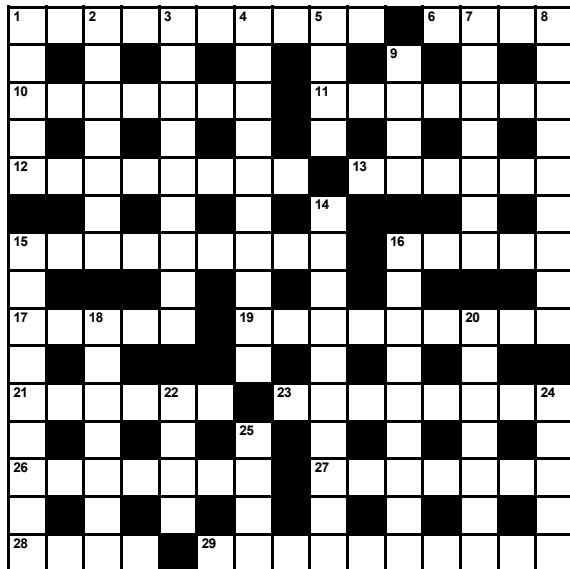


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The question is posed in two vertical columns in the completed grid



Across

- 1 Woodlanders we rode around after a tumble (6,4)
- 6 Women as astronauts? Some here (4)
- 10 Note second old solver's grass (7)
- 11 Perhaps merchandise Hirst's convoluted last pair of exhibits (1-6)
- 12 Inventors of unit besieged by banks (8)
- 13 Artist concerned with film genre (6)
- 15 Evil owner tortured vicious animal (9)
- 16 The home counties can become persistent (3,2)
- 17 Asked Brown to leave and cheered (5)
- 19 Woman's wizard keeping computers in an art gallery (9)
- 21 Art gallery's historical knowledge covers invisible light (6)
- 23 Is next to meet detective about university cricket club (8)
- 26 The rejection of perestroika is surprising for some old European power (7)
- 27 Duck plucked stringed instrument for 15th century artist (7)
- 28 Number one foreign song begins "Sisters!..." (4)
- 29 Placidity of ship on dried-up English river (10)

Down

- 1 Place provided for erecting frame (3,2)
- 2 Poll I am conducting to find what wise virgins have (4,3)
- 3 Improving cricket side our opponents finish off (2,3,4)
- 4 A hot dry gin cocktail at any time (3,2,5)
- 5 Artist extremely threatening to yesterday's leaders (4)
- 7 Irish river flows through sort of gallery which has shops, restaurants and lounges (7)
- 8 Causes trouble about artist getting new guarantee (9)
- 9 Trainer possibly against leaving barge (4)
- 14 Funeral almost disrupted by workers concerned with what's coming soon (4,6)
- 15 Non-progressive revolutions with 9 parts to fix (9)
- 16 Revamped polytechnics missing hot part of machine washing (4,5)
- 18 Artist spending two-thirds of the month in drink (7)
- 20 Agree to Sloane's oddly coloured rings (7)
- 22 Republican remains reckless (4)
- 24 Exhibitions quiet old women finally dismiss (5)
- 25 Rubbish English art gallery (4)