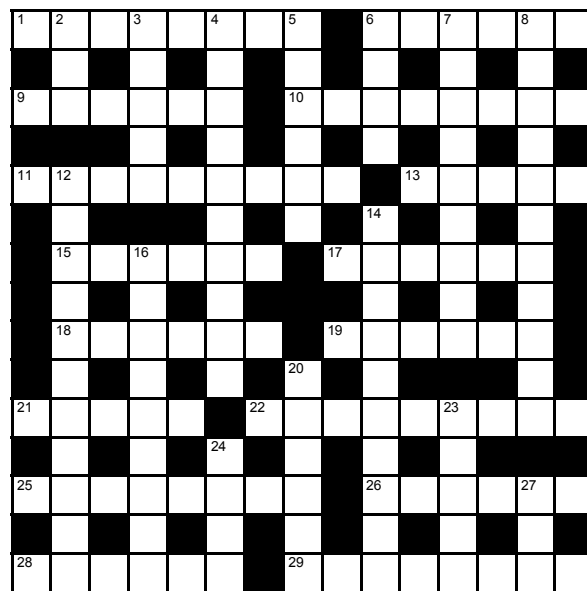


Across

- 1 Secretly hidden note found in nearby cupboard at last (8)
- 6 Clever book touching on truth (6)
- 9 *Get Back* is about improvement (6)
- 10 Direct way of relating denied to women? (3-2-3)
- 11 Typist concealed a line (9)
- 13 Tarnished, having no time to be honest (5)
- 15 Experiment with pot initially in storeroom (6)
- 17 Withdraw song on traveller (6)
- 18 Released breath emotionally when team announced (6)
- 19 Injured skater can barely run (6)
- 21 Binnagoeds rotten, even balls (5)
- 22 Thanks monarch after normal joining in (9)
- 25 School to get away from backward programme (8)
- 26 Ask a favour of the French soon (4,2)
- 28 Cotton silk covers unnecessary part (6)
- 29 Recounted, dashed back and calculated (8)



- 27 Mineral found in middle of phosphorescence (3)

Down

- 2 Swimmer returns to shelter (3)
- 3 Boet, it's small fight over energy (5)
- 4 Can a twister give rise to such a powerful performer? (4,6)
- 5 Namibian people block a road? That's odd (6)
- 6 Connect jab in the end and nod off (4)
- 7 Vaccinate old copper entering in after hours (9)
- 8 Crushed earth? (11)
- 12 Show embarrassingly fat Scot retrospectively (2,4,5)
- 14 This American isn't 22, with support to develop later (10)
- 16 A roan goes off to inaccessible places (2-2,5)
- 20 Collapse about a seam (4,2)
- 23 Kick second skop hard ... to a degree (5)
- 24 Thin out top coif but exposed pupils (4)