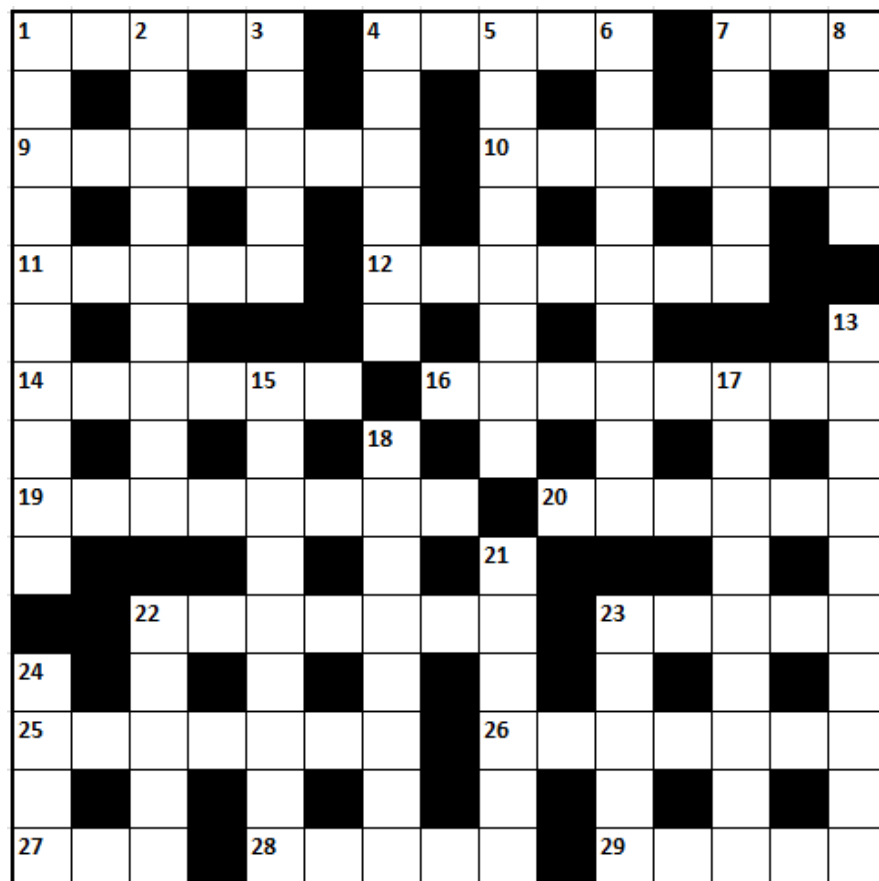


Broomhill Festival 2020 - Cryptic Crossword Puzzle



The eight unnumbered clues all relate in some way to this year's Festival theme. They include wordplay only - they don't include definitions. One of the solutions should be written in the space provided above the grid, and the rest should be slotted into the grid so that they check with other answers.

Some have single word answers - others do not. Three answers need to be modified before being entered, in a way that might be regarded as unorthodox.

These eight clues appear in alphabetical order by solution, including the first pair, arguably.

The numbered clues are of the type normally associated with cryptic crosswords, with Across clues generally being more straightforward than Down clues.

Unnumbered clues

- Choir in audition for ...
- ... film got a chance there to flourish.
- Second in command.
- Hunger eases - goes away.
- Unspecified number said to be in debt.
- About turn.
- Communist dictator loses head.
- Fine to dump rubbish? On the contrary.

Across

- 7 Function held in East Anglia (3)
- 9 Mere lad mixed this colour (7)
- 10 Take away pamphlet after journalist returns (7)
- 11 Nervous start in the Heptathlon, initially, therefore finishing outside the first eight (5)
- 12 Brutish character, one facing prohibition by American state (7)
- 14 No limits define this US city (6)
- 16 A tendon I accidentally smeared with chrism (8)
- 19 Wise Scot tickled trout (8)
- 22 Don't have to massage bump, we hear (4, 3)
- 23 Remains of Anglo-Saxon woman found interred (5)
- 25 Feature of churchyard we try to move before the service ends (3, 4)
- 27 Where you can see animals using a short telephoto lens (3)
- 29 River spilling over motorway is flowing copiously (5)

Down

- 2 Instruments malfunctioning, yaw sets in (9)
- 3 Tennis shot which Sam Smith returned, essentially (5)
- 5 One edges away from 18-year-old man moving up and down (8)
- 6 Found Parisian is fairly competent but losing heart (9)
- 7 Oddly, thread isn't part of a wedding dress (5)
- 8 School rises in reputation (4)
- 13 Recipients picked up MDMA tablets after presentation (10)
- 15 Start using SI units when tackling first of exercises relating to triangles, etc (9)
- 17 Mixture of hootch and tea, good for pain (9)
- 18 Minimal support for one in sheltered accommodation (8)
- 21 Electronic store repaired music system (6)
- 23 Revival of *Tosca* somewhere in Berkshire (5)
- 24 Ancient article in Australia which might get people's attention (4)