

Puzzle for York 2018 by Egbert

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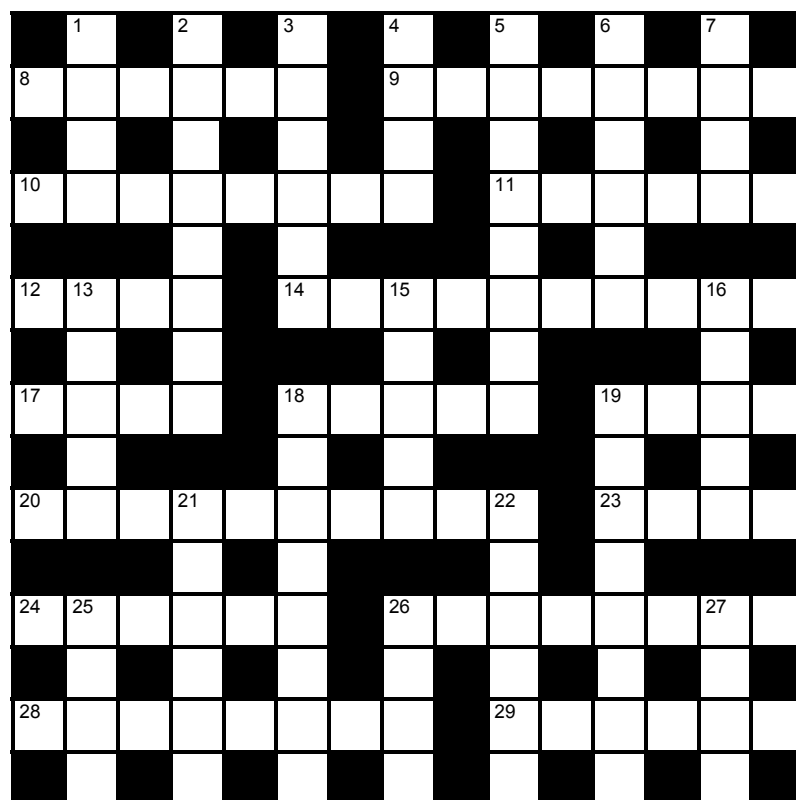
Note: two cells contain a character that replaces three letters. One entry is an acronym.

Across

- 8 Sort of stone tool that is shortly to be redesigned (6)
- 9 One immersed in pale blue liquor tank (8)
- 10 Hairdressing course has a lot of dubious content but requires no skill initially (8)
- 11 Record crowd causes hold-up (3,3)
- 12 Pretty short presidential message (4)
- 14 Restraint in dark times - a feature of the Stock Exchange? (5,5)
- 17 Roman poet in love with 6d (4)
- 18 Respond to compound trace elements (5)
- 19 Tasteless individual starts to collect hideous Arabian vases (4)
- 20 Breed of wildfowl that's been confused with 24ac (5,5)
- 23 Legal proviso: if Ulster joins the south, independence will follow (4)
- 24 Waders needed when East River gets turbulent (6)
- 26 Former German chancellor meets disheartened Jewish leader for a sort of 4d (8)
- 28 Bum goes round Liberal get-together to get a drink at the Fox & Roman perhaps (4,4)
- 29 First two boys to enter mile - silly clots! (6)

Down

- 1 Text: 'Why oh why has nothing been attached to this see-saw?' (4)
- 2 Painting, an area of expertise that can provide a



- means of reducing friction. (8)
- 3 Critical appraisals received for variety shows (6)
- 4 Vegetable ingredient in cock-a-leekie soup (4)
- 5 Be prone to wear twisted truss and get extremely bad-tempered (8)
- 6 Article has no information about doctor creating synthetic sex hormone (8)
- 7 Healthcare organisation involved in a local upset (4)
- 13 Be uncertain about state following leader in Washington (5)
- 15 Arachne's first puzzle will blow your mind (5)
- 16 Vote to conceal name in complex means tests (5)
- 18 Record the queen pursuing wild tigers (8)
- 19 Goods smuggled by group of Central American rebels (10)
- 21 Compound used in ornamental engraving can make one ill (6)
- 22 Responses heard with ease by radio operators (6)
- 25 Dull player gets partial backing (4)
- 26 Church leader associated with far-reaching Enterprise (4)
- 27 Cry goes up: "Let there be light!" (4)