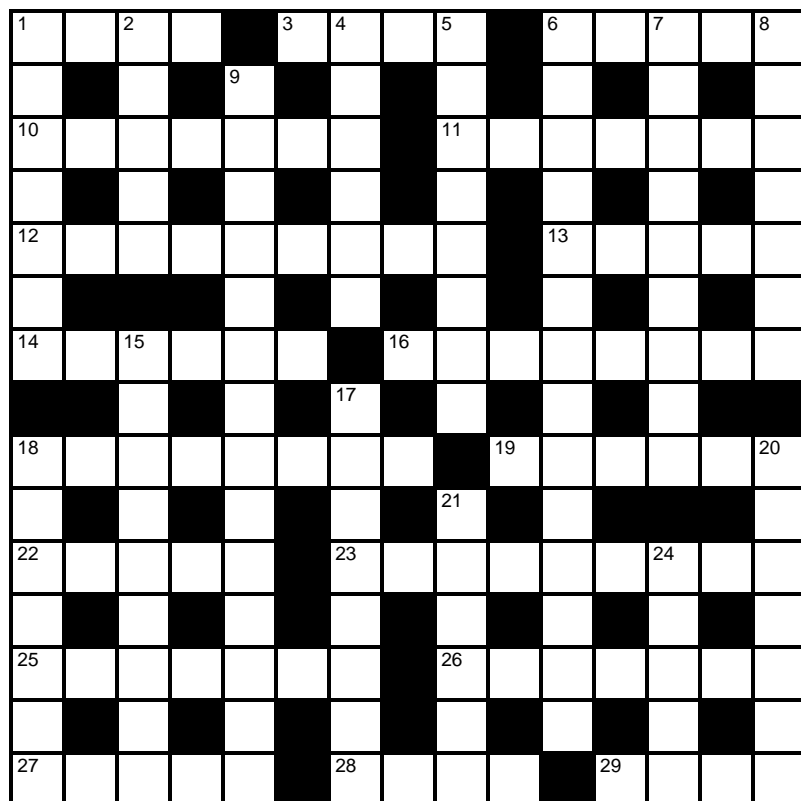


## Cryptic Crossword No. 87



© Ashley L V Smith, 2016 ([www.alvsmith.com](http://www.alvsmith.com))

*By Hasslethymi*

### Across

- 1 Span half of year for the church (4)
- 3 Tree sample carved out of tracery (4)
- 6 Offer finance and, first and foremost, support some rugby players (5)
- 10 Doctor takes SNP leader's temperature (7)
- 11 Polish girl will shortly be joining a club (7)
- 12 Beat novel at honored gathering (2,3,4)
- 13 Present a flower (5)
- 14 They love studying many little books from cover to cover (6)
- 16 They take care of Trojans I misled (8)
- 18 He's left stranded when seed abandons first race in favour of extreme sport (8)
- 19 Present in quantity of bodily fluid (6)
- 22 Cyril composed poetry (5)
- 23 They've seen four seasons unexpectedly linger, say (9)
- 25 Someone attacking popular Star Wars character (7)
- 26 Wrap up a clock case in a sheet of paper (7)
- 27 Letters from star dying to be late (5)
- 28 Yellow royal house changing hands (4)
- 29 Opener of envelopes finally chases up delivery notice (4)

### Down

- 1 Sailor's trick with desktop bolt (7)
- 2 200mg of rabbit food for the audience (5)
- 4 Chinatown once part of Switzerland? (6)
- 5 Continuing said rule after a fashion (8)
- 6 Pliable men each built Churchill's house (8,6)
- 7 Plant lots of nuts in bed... (9)
- 8 ...pull up lettuce and add Ali's miscellaneous gatherings (7)
- 9 Turn tail mid-kiss in dreamy haze sometime in November (11,3)
- 15 Go from one side to the other in awfully versatile US waterway (4,5)
- 17 Liar oddly takes packet of deadly dull tea (4,4)
- 18 Small group is joined by tip-top musician (7)
- 20 Teacher has unknown skill (7)
- 21 A beginner followed crap flick of the wrist (6)
- 24 Comes up against listener hemmed in by polar opposites (5)