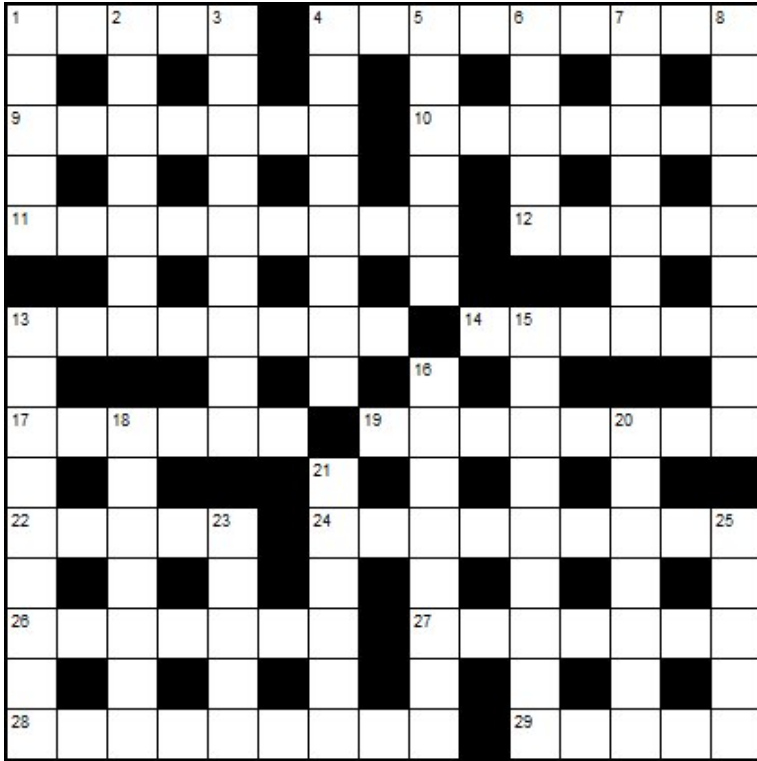


# Puzzle 2 by Conto

This is a smashing second puzzle from Conto. Ingenious devices abound in the wordplay and there is plenty of humour in the clues. Favourites: 13 and 17 across, 20 down.



## ACROSS

- 1 Revolutionary Front deserted without stimulation? (5)
- 4 Ugly gesture: start to object wildly about Queen (9)
- 9,12 People on the streets begging for change (7,5)
- 10 "Hopelessness leads to divorce," expert says, in front of couple (7)
- 11 One drinking needs a pee? Then woman's discovering of pot is a lifesaver (9)
- 12 See 9
- 13 Threaten calm? (8)
- 14 In hardship - time to move over the bridge? (6)
- 17 Chicken crosses road to get to the other side? (6)
- 19 Pepper scampi fries about copper (8)
- 22 UN suppressing Number Ten's coalition (5)
- 24 Ape that is tailless, orange-brown, and that eats fruit, essentially (5-4)
- 26 Move on wheels, yet put back outside – where it's kept for the next shopper? (7)
- 27 Crash in a reversing teal Jaguar? (7)
- 28 Verdict – going off God is a sin (9)
- 29 Looks for 4 Down religious people (5)

## DOWN

- 1 Fools from political party voided elections (5)
- 2 Drinking Rector got cut (7)
- 3 Complimentary selection of eggs? (4-5)
- 4 Starts to get all the wine harvested (8)
- 5 He was a nasty piece of work (3-3)
- 6 Some sheep, some horses...they're often here (5)
- 7 Barney squirrels all shillings away, albeit initially replacing one (7)
- 8 Without a hesitation, throw out male for being dirty and spineless (9)
- 13 Used car part exchanged following clearout (9)
- 15 In leisure centre, one gains swimming badges (9)
- 16 Vehicles from plant losing way north of Morrison's? (8)
- 18 A state, Zambia, concerning Austria, another state (7)
- 20 Economy measure from TUC? (7)
- 21 Sea creatures' growth beginning to slow (6)
- 23 Teeny long-johns containing this? (5)
- 25 One's absent from climbing session for occasional runners! (5)

