# THE SKELETON CROSSWORD – £325 in prizes

## Last week's solution

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WINNERS: Please allow 30 days to receive your prize.

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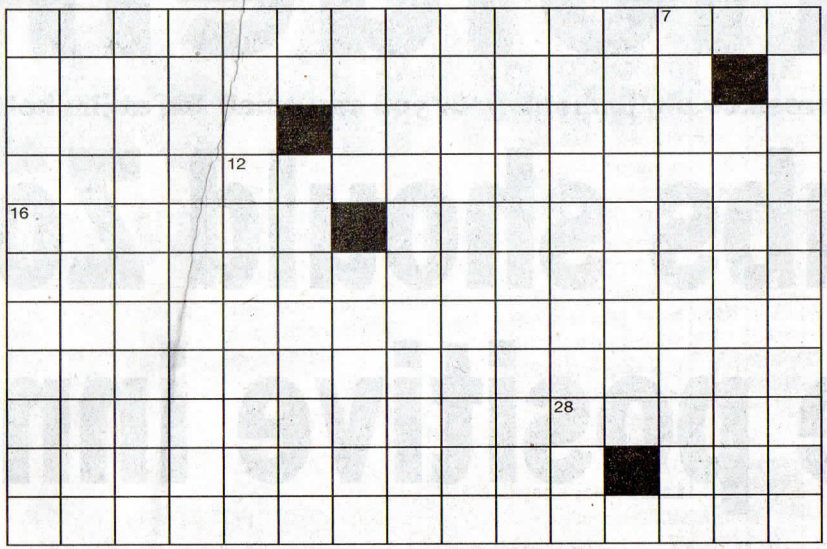


Send to: Skeleton Crossword, PO Box 12578, Sutton Coldfield B73 9BT. The winners will be the first correct entries drawn after the closing date of noon on Friday. Please allow 30 days for prizes to arrive.

NAME:

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### ACROSS

1 Casual marshal measuring up (2 words)
10 Historic poem about Latin knight
11 Republican breaking fever, say
12 Love letter initially written in bold
16 City school that's opening or closing
17 Short charlatan a German married
18 York can corrupt another city
19 Parched area right next to a state
21 Backspace key, I'll be bound
23 Furniture located west of a river
27 As a result of two performing, a band follows (2 words)
28 Legit stage play about losing sides
29 Beth's salt mine is bad for business

### DOWN

2 Helpers Sadie organised
3 Shaved face also smooth
4 Some open early, or close
5 Origins of mac infamously incorporating hip pocket
6 Difficulty putting metals together
7 Ardent queen has become old
8 Rash author beneath a gull
9 We're told about dumped date in a cathedral
13 Make it right after midnight, say
14 Smallest inlet around's empty
15 Rising flush covers right cheek
20 Lies about joined-up objects
22 Gas cargo naturally includes
23 This lawyer makes a drink
24 An implement somebody used
25 Runners reflect back to front
26 Knock and a door may do this

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