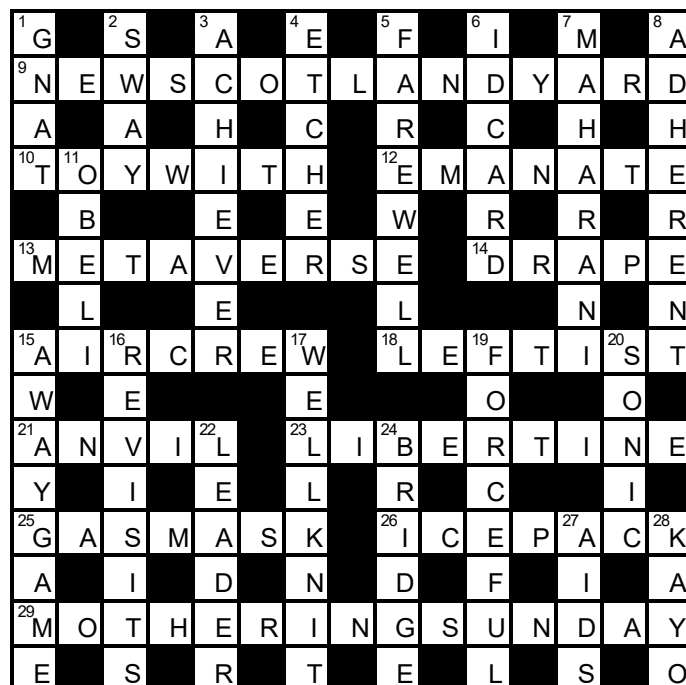


**Across**

- 9** Copper base for bed on four points, come down three feet (3,8,4)
New Scotland Yard (Copper (police) base - NEWS (four compass points) + COT (bed) + LAND (come down) + YARD (three feet))
- 10** Consider play (3,4)
toy with (Double definition)
- 12** Spaceman ate some spread (7)
emanate (Spread - Hidden word (some) in [spac]EMAN ATE)
- 13** Team made up a poem, its not real (9)
metaverse (Its not real - TEAM* (anagram=made up) + VERSE (a poem))
- 14** Cover up drunk padre (5)
drape (Cover up - PADRE* (anagram=drunk))
- 15** Some on a plane are cut after appearance (7)
aircrew (Some (people) on a plane - CREW (cut, hairstyle) after AIR (appearance))
- 18** Red newt in log (7)
leftist (Red (socialist) - EFT (newt) in LIST (log))
- 21** 1 against 49 gets a small bone (5)
anvil (Small bone (in the ear) - AN (1) + V (against) + IL (49))
- 23** 'Playboy' in library? Entire collection! (9)
libertine (Playboy - LIB (library) + ENTIRE* (anagram=collection))
- 25** Disguise laugh before finding protective equipment (7)
gasmask (Protective equipment - MASK (disguise) with GAS (laugh) before it)
- 26** Black-eye treatment from hit squad (3,4)
ice pack (Black-eye treatment - ICE (hit/murder) + PACK (squad))
- 29** Red letter day for those who used to labour? (9,6)
Mothering Sunday (Important day for those who have gone through labour (i.e. mothers))

Down

- 1** Kick up to flyer (4)
gnat (Flyer - Reversal (up) of TANG (kick))
- 2** Move in a Southerly direction (4)
sway (Move - S (Southerly) + WAY (direction))
- 3** Hard worker to have rice pudding (8)
achiever (Hard worker - (HAVE RICE)* (Anagram = pudding))
- 4** One who cuts part of sketch erratically (6)
etcher (One who cuts - Hidden word (part of) [sk]ETCH ER[ratically])

5 Food is fine for so long (8)	farewell (So long - FARE (food) + WELL (fine))
6 Licence of rapid car driver (2,4)	ID card (Licence - Hidden word (of) [rap]ID CAR D[river])
7 Indian Queen with a man hairstyle (8)	maharani (Indian Queen - Anagram (style) of (A MAN HAIR)*)
8 A trend he possibly could stick to (8)	adherent (Stick to - Anagram (possibly) of (A TREND HE)*)
11 Needles almost boiled over (5)	obeli (Needles - Anagram (over) of BOILE[d] (almost))
15 A road to go, possibly when not playing at home (4,4)	away game (Not playing at home - A WAY (road) + GAME (e.g./possibly "Go"))
16 Sister dancing around six is tripping again (8)	revisits (Tripping again - SISTER* (anagram=dancing) around VI (six))
17 Muscular kiln fired in red mark (4-4)	well-knit (Muscular - KILN* (anagram=fired) in(side) WELT (a red mark))
19 Potent flu outbreak hounding the police (8)	forceful (Potent - FLU* (anagram=outbreak) after (hounding) FORCE (the police))
20 Coins/change we hear (5)	sonic (We hear - COINS* (anagram=change))
22 The King's Head (6)	leader (Double definition)
24 Big red construction (6)	bridge (Construction - (BIG RED)*) (anagram=construction, doing double duty))
27 Cycle said to help (4)	aids (Help - Cycle (the letters of) SAID)
28 Duck and beast of burden return to floor (4)	kayo (Floor (knock out) - Reversal (return) of O (zero/duck) + YAK (beast of burden))