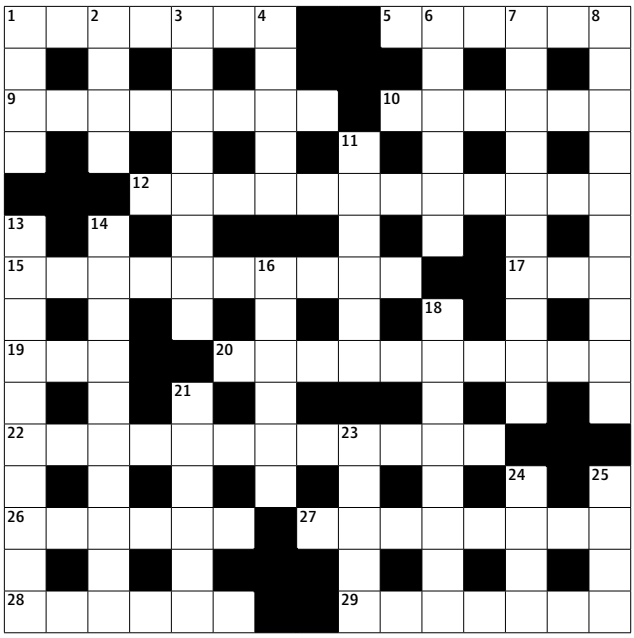
Guardian cryptic crossword



No 24,938 set by Puck

Across

1,25 Old man fools sailor, friend of 21/19 10/23 (7,4)
5 Show off uniform worn by 17 24 25 (6)
9 Intimidate male and female creatures, say (8)
10 See 21
12 Drinking too much beer, including a 17 24 school swimming coach (7,5)
15 Make more bitter recycling half of beer crate after cutback (10)
17,24 Retracted notice about the French in 16 11 only? (7)
19 See 21
20 Aboard ship, girl longs for 16 11 character (10)
22 One to help you out spinning single and EP at ball (8,4)
26 Tit for tat through chink in defence (2,4)
27 Batting very fast, being offensive (8)
28 One that's waged war 17 24 during Frenchman's retreat (6)
29 Poet writes, dipping into sherry regularly (7)

Down

1 Watering holes doubly essential for orphan elephant? (4)
2 Hat way over the 17 (offence in parts?) if 17 24 (4)
3 Drank gin and almost cuddled 17 24 when drunk (8)
4 Agreed to go round Australia with a back-up instrument (5)
6 Fruit partly quartered when eaten by Abraham's nephew (6)
7 Ill repute surrounds a sucker raised in a hole (2,1,3,4)
8 Play Greek character briefly: 1-20 September, roughly? (3,7)
11 Last one Puck made an ass of? (6)
13 Cooking sherry in bed? No-no in this part of England (10)
14 Criminal left one with a wave (10)
16 Black activist tailed car heading off for US bomb site (6)
18 US president warning about ailing markets, initially (8)
21,19,10,23 Cake cut out? Rubbish! It's located in 16 11 (9,11)
24 See 17
25 See 1 across

Solution No. 24,937

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