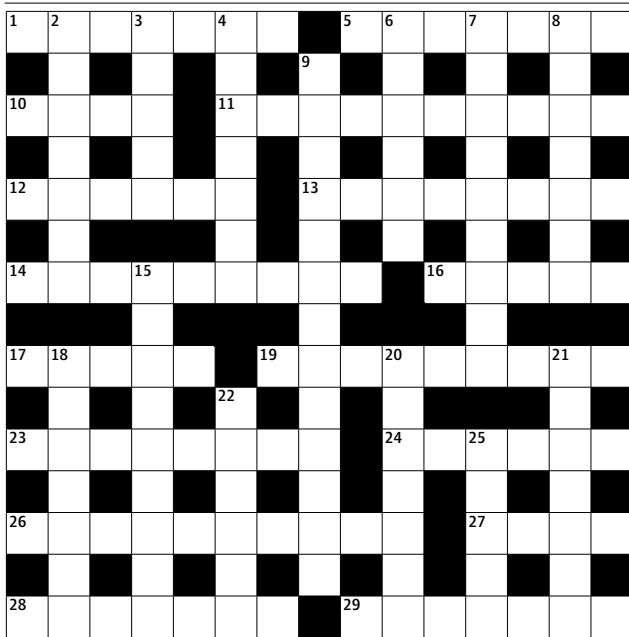


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 24,948 set by Paul

Across

- 1 Fire past island as military horseman (7)
- 5 A male girl, by 3 and 15 (7)
- 10 Combination locks? (4)
- 11 Sweet, Spooner's fabricated plan? (6,4)
- 12 Sensuous ardour's ending in passage (6)
- 13,19 Piece by 3 and 15? (3,5,2,7)
- 14 Girl has no bananas for Persians, perhaps (9)
- 16 See 24
- 17 Old place for shopping bag, or all boxes (5)
- 19 See 13
- 23 See 24
- 24,27,23,16 Journalist stealing public money in West Country town, by 3 and 15 (6,4,8,5)
- 26 Wreck two containers (6,4)
- 27 See 24
- 28 Composer's composer not entirely light-weight (7)
- 29 Break items when starved, cooking (7)

Down

- 2 Cooking ingredient, exquisite starter put in mouth: say, duck (7)
- 3 Paul's stage opening – there's my cue! (5)

- 4 3 and 15's girl's disheartening cute eyelashes (7)
- 6 Taste wine, glugging river (6)
- 7 A relation's ground, or grounds (9)
- 8 Crowns on top of aristocracy, breaking heart (7)
- 9 Useless effort debated without value in existence (6,3,4)
- 15 Art dealer's conclusion: jazzy stuff collected by highlander (9)
- 18 Appropriate nationality, English (7)
- 20 I note well, plant has to develop internally (7)
- 21 Most secretive, a US soldier's incest? (7)
- 22 Billion lucky numbers wasted (6)
- 25 I duck at the first attempt (2,3)

Solution No. 24,947

