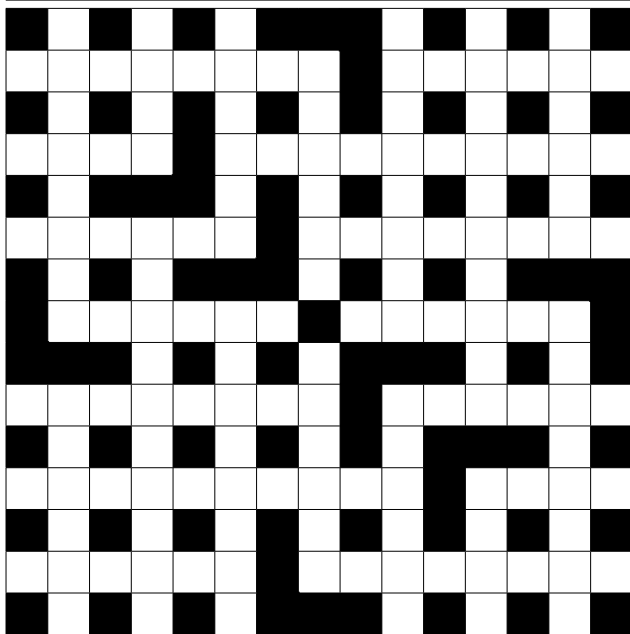# Guardian cryptic crossword

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Solve the clues and fit the solutions into the grid jigsaw-wise, wheerever they will go. Because of the symmetry of the grid, solutions could be fitted in in two ways; but two sides of the completed perimeter will show which is to be preferred.

A Familiarise the Bill (coppers) with cat (8)
B Capital composer (6)
C Excuse for scrapping all buses made in Jersey etc (5,5)
D Good food store opening before time goes wrong (6)
   Remove part of this to give cadet a chance (6)
E Pass out please? (6)
F Soft tack supplied to creatures going to market (8)
G Leaders of modern art leaving exponent outside home counties with Parisienne (8)
H Uproar at centre half of bell (6)
I Setter's going to, say — say Jersey (4)
J Little girl with little time for former Kenyan leader (4)
   It's only fair (4)
K One lot in this country coming back from Kenyan port (6)
L Shady French article about how to express pain (6)
M Undergoing change of face, accepting nasty taint (8)
N NW, heartless wicked lot (2,4)
O Appeal against dance would be potted (6,4)
P London Road near Edinburgh to go quietly or to shout loudly (10)
Q Queen's turn to charity causes misgivings (6)
R You are a Derby entry (6)
S Fourth day before Christmas is a certain match to the ear (8)
T The American perfume on a Byzantine empress (8)
U Very Scottish numbers getting on, which hardly ever happens (8)
V Leaders get all directions from man with belts (3,5)
W Treat problem in I without holes (10)
X A short cutter's backing of the French scene of pleasure dome (6)
Y Key to higher education? (4)
Z Figure God not quite good parent? (6)

Solution No. 25,124

U	H	V	F	P		G	S		C
S	T	O	V	E	P	I	P	E		R	E	P	E	L
E	B	R	E	N	A	E	A
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