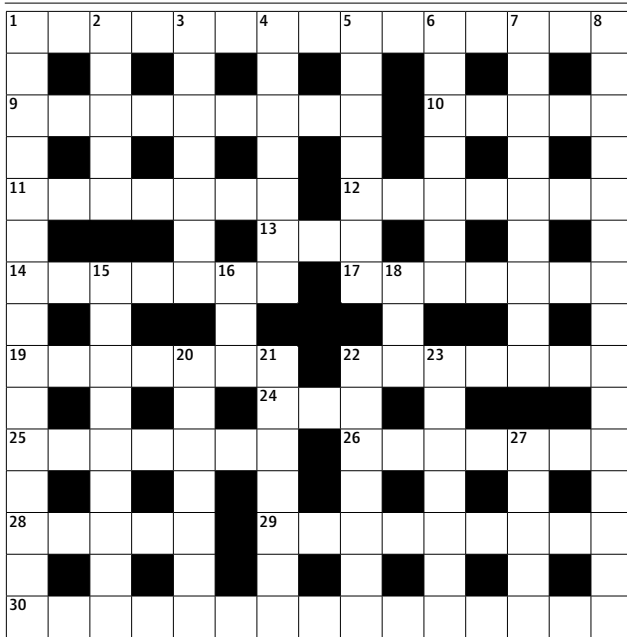


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,153 set by Gordius

Across

- 1 Psychiatrist unusually given toil by hesitant character (9,6)
- 9 Players reported to be banned? (9)
- 10 Heart honours may modify a letter ... (5)
- 11 ... letter spoiled by one slip (7)
- 12 Musician turns sick at heart (7)
- 13 The Observer, entered as Paper of the Year (3)
- 14 Showed speedo times to be erratic (7)
- 17 Diminish time hauled back (7)
- 19 Rogue seen about to steal dresses (7)
- 22 Top girl star (7)
- 24 Expression of surprise at topless Winnie (3)
- 25 Oil taps failed, given wind force at sea (7)
- 26 Austere character like vinegar hiding a saint (7)
- 28 Sackville-West keeps son in view (5)
- 29 I am ready to turn on the 30 ... (9)
- 30 ... whereon politicians set policies, perhaps, for men put them so? (4-2-3-6)

Down

- 1 13 shops around looking for takers (5,10)
- 2 No old Ford vehicles assembled in Rugby (5)
- 3 Directions to Leeds, perhaps with 13s (7)
- 4 Chanted wrong note – din resulted (7)
- 5 Force cut as swept with 13 (7)
- 6 Things are left to you to do it (7)
- 7 “What’s yours?”, perhaps (5,4)
- 8 Consider how to foster interest (4,4,7)
- 15 Capital curtailed entry document for all equably (4,5)
- 16 Stick had mysteriously gone before (3)
- 18 Age of girl not five (3)
- 20 Courageous display, which gives lift against difficulty (7)
- 21 Thus somehow toils a lone performer (7)
- 22 Fellow that’s after appointment with the church (7)
- 23 Photo with some colour in high wind (7)
- 27 Bring up Fido, say, with ease, say, in Sioux dwelling (5)

Solution No. 25,152

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