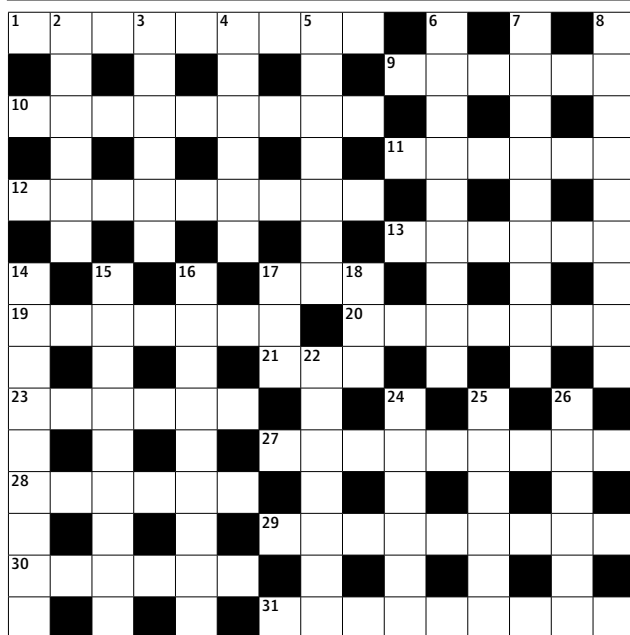


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,229
set by Gordius

Across

- 1** Great flow of letters leaving a warm feeling (9)
9 Watch taking forty winks – that’s smart! (6)
10 Top brass lost right to go back with unknown pedigree (9)
11 Fashion item partly based upon choice (6)
12 Oil supplier met an explosion that was not malicious (4-5)
13 Minister consumed by dog (6)
17 Mother turns cross (3)
19 Little potato with water at a country seat (7)
20 Free one soul in agony (7)
21 One came out and went back there to sleep (3)
23 Man’s little friend, such a one with strings attached (6)
27 Phone-tapping, for example, is page one material (9)
28 Lock up alien taken from the web (6)
29 Farcical performance that hits credit (9)
30 A 20 for the Beeb (6)
31 Cut in gnarled tree without having to be intrusive (9)

Down

- 2** Supplier paid with a sovereign (6)
3 Waugh’s name elevated in uniform fashion (6)
4 Flighty Scots female student wearing a waistcoat (6)
5 South Africa paper’s leading material (7)
6 If this were you wouldn’t get it (9)
7 A model inspector at cricket, say ... (9)
8 ... to watch first in – a startling sight (3-6)

- 14** This type finds it hard to swallow anything not solid (9)
15 Summoning for reprimand for taking trouble over Fido? (9)
16 Space traveller – about which I do more to unravel (9)
17 Calumny in Bermuda? (3)
18 Name and return address in America (3)
22 First letter is open, perhaps letter from abroad (7)
24 Herb is far from 6 (6)
25 Last in managed to settle (6)
26 Support for those subject to invasion by soldiers (3,3)

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