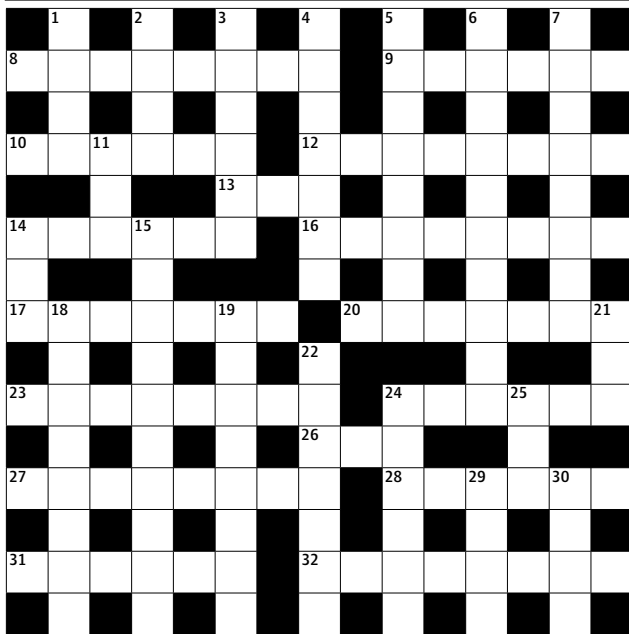


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,247 set by Enigmatist, Paul and Shed

9 today, hooray, hooray, for 14 across 24 across, Mr 24 down (who appears step-wise in the grid from the middle of 14 down)

Across

- 8 Drink problem reversed, one training for the police (8)
- 9 New order in yet? Ten of these (6)
- 10,3 Head of Operations in the Mossad going walkabout with 24 across (6,6)
- 12 She's breaking rule with dodgy plan (8)
- 13 I say nothing I see (3)
- 14 Worn out – almost shattered – by the local community (3,3)
- 16 See 28
- 17 Harsh half of 15 confused with Ulster Unionist (7)
- 20 Sums involving grand, or halves thereof (7)
- 23 QE1 struggling along, negotiating water-filled valley (8)
- 24 Foremost of intellects in class (6)
- 26 Greenback from Mars? (3)
- 27 An imposing character – one of Kafka's – producing type of missile (4-4)
- 28,16 Blare out "2 x (10 ÷ 1)", captivating second 24 across (6,8)
- 31 Pervade conundrum (6)
- 32 A horse tender? Strangely not! (8)

Down

- 1 A lot to eat, but no stomach for it (4)
- 2 Swindle detected in Cameron's campaign (4)

- 3 See 10
- 4,22 Author bearing fruit as 24 across (7,7)
- 5 Funny nun done one (nudge nudge, wink wink ... (8)
- 6 Still available to accommodate the German, as promised (10)
- 7 "Lusty swings" describing attack over dull mind (8)
- 11 Alternative resistance from the Guardian columnist (3)
- 14 Blade slicing head off pig (3)
- 15 24 across Mark Twain's odd characters ignored line in composition (5,5)
- 18 Objectors adopting URL, say, of Fantasy Island (8)
- 19 Using mobile you arrest an unruly adolescent with no subsidence (8)
- 21 Possible message from holed ship? (3)
- 22 See 4
- 24 Eureka! Cracked sources of Great Reverend Master! (6)
- 25 Diamonds, that is, capturing clubs (3)
- 29 Danish physicist locating pong on time (4)
- 30 Bloody right – time to get up! (4)

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