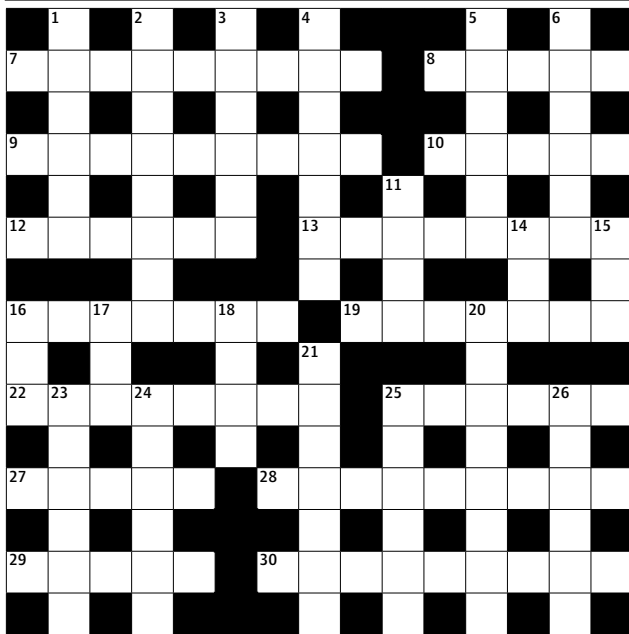


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,333 set by Gordius

Across

- 7 I myself hold Proust novel to be a sham (9)
- 8 Murderer hides brother's head in a shack (5)
- 9 The lady writer short on ideas may inhibit growth (9)
- 10 Second XI shows traditional power (5)
- 12 Public address makes travel start to get irritating (6)
- 13 Marching endlessly with a mad company officer (8)
- 16 Track about – how d'you say? – a row of dwellings (7)
- 19 Tower possibly with 12 for believers (7)
- 22 Having the knowledge to tell? (8)
- 25 Item: what to do about blind mice? (6)
- 27 Love grim savour (5)
- 28 Latest: what police do to protesters on the street (4,5)
- 29 Uncertain date for introduction to heaven (or alternative) (5)
- 30 Aerial direction lost cutting short conversation before expected arrival (9)

Down

- 1 In a trice English graduate gets a bug (6)
- 2 Gaper holding in joiner (8)

- 3 To remain unknown could be difficult (6)
- 4 Yield for Mussolini (7)
- 5 One tries to get possible treats (6)
- 6 Insect makes a sound like ailing lass (6)
- 11 Country with ill-will apart from the church? (4)
- 14 Injure by dropping trap from the edge (3)
- 15 Catch without extras (3)
- 16 Number over 15 (3)
- 17 Raise 14 to batter ... (3)
- 18 ... fish daily (4)
- 20 Like motorways affecting rail rate (8)
- 21 Little boy leads to appointed end (7)
- 23 Is nude the new knickers? (6)
- 24 Fairness is to leave off turning the old outside (6)
- 25 Neat character with bounce (6)
- 26 Put in office to replace Stalin? (6)

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