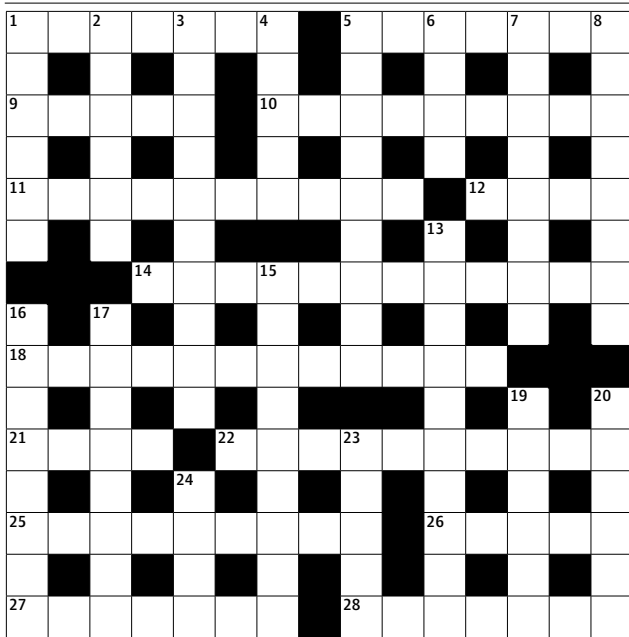


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,464 set by Paul

Across

- 1 Scottish, might you say? That's funny! (7)
 5 Liberal, firm and good (7)
 9 Schmuck we buried in plot, laid back (5)
 10 President claims writer saw his tool? (9)
 11 See 16
 12 See 16
 14 See 16
 18 11 pigs or bats rising late (12)
 21 Look, someone in a turban, so to speak? (4)
 22 See 16
 25 See 16
 26 College opening (5)
 27 Reserves stuffing Manchester United, perhaps? Correct (7)
 28 Leave handle again? (7)

Down

- 1 Papers written up in project on hard book (6)
 2 Quick introduction to centrifugal force (6)
 3 Party time under model coming up for Gilbert, perhaps? (10)
 4 On top, go over once more (5)
 5 Cheat's character accidental (9)
 6 Look, someone in the loo, so to speak? (4)
 7 Paddle in doubt, struggling to find boat's motor (8)

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- Soldier crawling under material, seeing another soldier (8)
 13 Bum on the floor, a fanatic hosting party (4-3-3)
 15 Person bound to come up with the goods in man's breakfast items (5,4)
 16,22,12,14,11,25 Old number 35 London bus we drove home to Scunthorpe, so luggage is all over the place! (4,4,7,3,4,3,7,2,3,7,9)
 17 Vicar's right and always on target (8)
 19 In fleeting instant, pointing to the sky for light (6)
 20 Dirt's ending underneath a shoe – that's charming (6)
 23 Fighting to curb tide, I'd lost – to this? (5)
 24 Monarch born, one wounded in massacre (4)

Solution No. 25,463

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