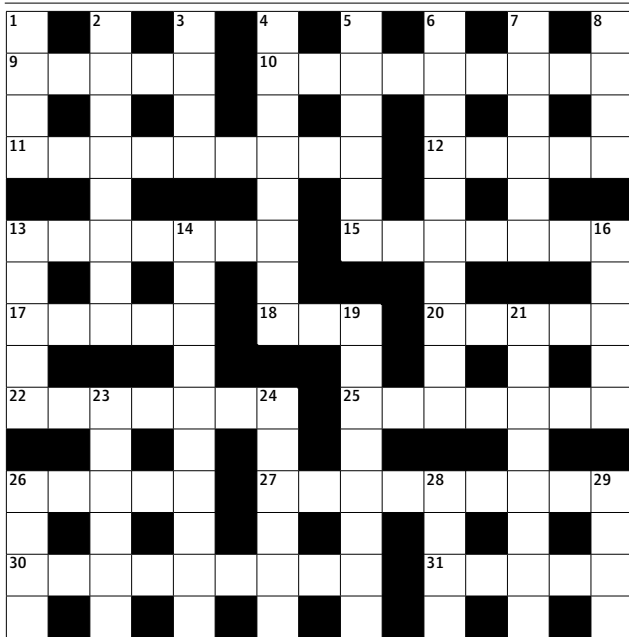


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,468 set by Brummie

## Across

- 9** Declaration of one's sexual orientation used in a poem? (5)  
**10** Tailored range with baby dolls etc. (9)  
**11,27** Oddly negative old song "No Way He's Eve!", clued cryptically? (3,2,4,2,7)  
**12** Fruit's a pain for the walker (5)  
**13** City's rain affected biodiversity (7)  
**15** Mean male singer dumping fourth act outside (7)  
**17** Most of family DNA mutates casually in a way (5)  
**18,20** Persuade someone to buy the drinks (3,5)  
**22** Ant's companion in the past with ant's heart shape (7)  
**25** Quaint redundant European body heard a long wandering story (7)  
**26** Lights out; insects sound (5)  
**27** See 11  
**30** Top cricketer some claim rank handicapped (5,4)  
**31** Fill out forms ending with "out of date measure" (5)

## Down

- 1** See 29  
**2** Ring calling oversight (8)  
**3** See 23  
**4** Fried egg again with last of bacon – one goes "lovely!" (8)

- 5** I accept that's a vice! (6)  
**6,26** "Kind of Blonde": just a traditional song (10,4)  
**7** See 14  
**8** Upset Noriega has no time for press (4)  
**13** Morris's ape was tamed and stuffed with endless knowledge (5)  
**14,7** London's Games near collapsing? Here's a game song (7,3,6)  
**16** Unreliable as a US pickup truck maker? (5)  
**19** Part of the brass computer memory device, black in character (8)  
**21** Blighted with two names, suede's not felt (8)  
**23,3** "The Lady's Covered in Blubber": version of pier song from way back (6,4)  
**24** Stages in Tom's total time on earth? (6)  
**26** See 6  
**28** Architect's unopened grate (4)  
**29,1** Spiteful, non-U, volatile and unknown – not the stoic's thing (4-4)

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