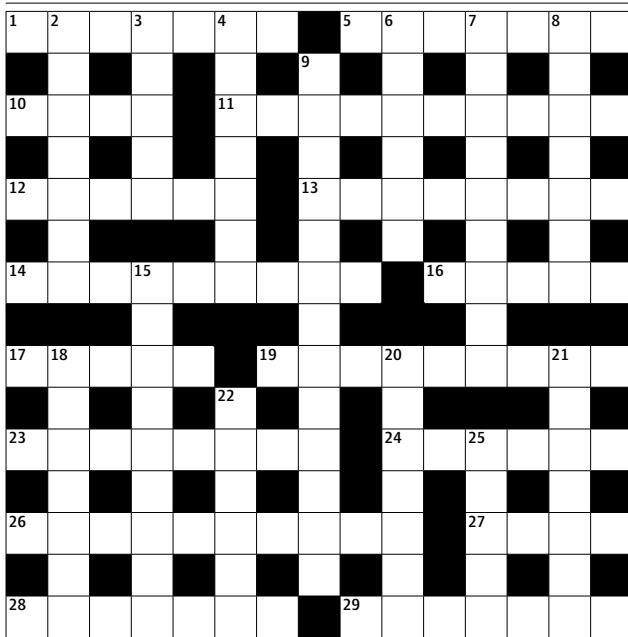


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,554 set by Paul

Across

- 1 Freak has the occasional party (7)
- 5 See 14
- 10 Service block (4)
- 11 Lean outlines a number of points, personal, in film location (10)
- 12,16 Characters representative of the 17 on trial, legs akimbo, as attendants off piste? (6,5)
- 13 Elgin having lost marbles, horse half gone, revealing habit (8)
- 14,5 Building is sensational pad, this 17 edifice (6,3,7)
- 16 See 12
- 17,19 Second dark man, fool, laid back in embrace of the missus, as multi-tasker (5,4,5)
- 23 Long-distance traveller *** cool! (8)
- 24,25 Barmy notice that may be 17? (6,5)
- 26 Reused manuscript most bleached, devils inscribed (10)
- 27 Noise primarily in boor – or boar? (4)
- 28 17 location in 17 centre for Italian sculptor (7)
- 29 Difficulty with infusion of one's own blood going this way and that (7)

Down

- 2 Flip over king, say, and queen, perhaps on a now obsolete coin (7)
- 3 17 place bottom on top of lap (5)
- 4 Contents of a pack including drink – that's ironic, to say the least! (7)
- 6 In time sell short – or pay back (6)
- 7 Gut feeling it's how teachers make money? (9)
- 8 Roosevelt's initiatives exposed something slippery, by the sound of it (3,4)
- 9 Constant return generated a little money to feed one side of Manchester (13)
- 15 No one with hair on end underwrites a claim (9)
- 18 Power demonstrated by a hollow tyrant cutting pay (7)
- 20 Mexican state currency protecting the queen, say (7)
- 21 Disapprove of loud argument over French veto (5,2)
- 22 Feature about work, one of his taking a minute? (6)
- 25 See 24

Solution No. 25,553

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