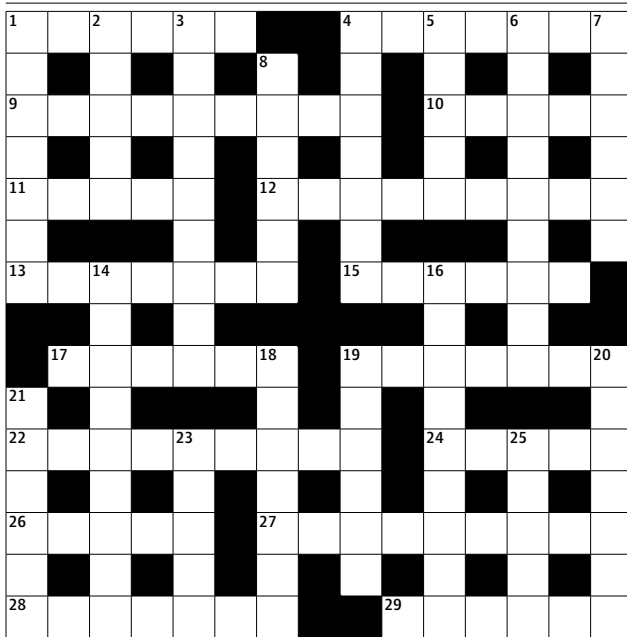


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,613 set by Paul

*Note added 19 April 2012: the clues to 15 & 29 across and 8 down have been edited since the original publication.*

## Across

- 1 Country where God has executed priest? (6)
- 4 Audio equipment taking call from gambler, being on another planet (7)
- 9 After conversion, a metric ton dropping to give, initially, a much smaller unit? (9)
- 10 Drinker on drugs, recovered (5)
- 11 Enthusiastic about bracketing beginning of Renaissance as early music (5)
- 12 Principal in hospital showing diagrams (3,6)
- 13 Leave old hat in the grass (7)
- 15 Strong, like seafood, we hear? (6)
- 17 Looker more drunk, it's said, in southwest Europe (6)
- 19 Square existent, almost round (7)
- 22 Granny worn out, we hear? No! (6,3)
- 24 Sauce bore olives, for a start (5)
- 26 See 3
- 27 Miliband completely out of it, they say, not expected to recover (5,4)
- 28 Too much to wrap a carpet (7)
- 29 Moist, like seafood? (6)

## Down

- 1 Hungry, like Gregory? (7)
- 2 Group seeing potential disaster for the human cannonball? (5)

- 3,26 Desperate individual married with older bloke, principally? (4-5,5)
- 4 Pedestrian has drone to beat (7)
- 5 One of Hugh's extremities given a tickle (5)
- 6 Criminal rues leg up, discovering maximum security product? (9)
- 7 Refuse to accept hard to beat (6)
- 8 Cross, like seafood? (6)
- 14 Party queen can start to enjoy being a womaniser (9)
- 16 It ups record on peace in mark of approval (3,6)
- 18 Pen underlining wrong name, granting forgiveness (7)
- 19 It gets caught in storm every so often – that's supposed to be funny? (6)
- 20 Commercial number to divide that coming up as twelve (7)
- 21 Chinese shoots tail off deer with two rounds (6)
- 23 Perfect fool's last hypothesis over the top (5)
- 25 Given sheikhdom's capital, Manchester City, say, demonstrating power (5)

Solution No. 25,612

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