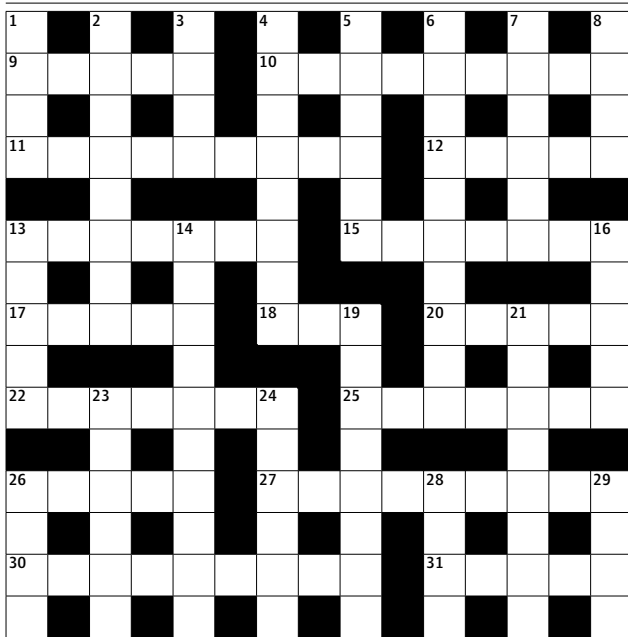


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,697 set by Orlando

## Across

- 9** Rocker, say, meeting conductor (5)  
**10** Aim to identify shuttle (9)  
**11** Breaking wind – a good characteristic of a master (9)  
**12** Following one won't suspect (2,3)  
**13** Performance by cricket side that's certainly not appealing (4-3)  
**15** Most respected member, female poet entertaining you (7)  
**17** Outlaw following pages somewhere in Scotland (5)  
**18** Pretend not to see saw? (3)  
**20** Clifford given spin in Midwest papers (5)  
**22** Esteemed American rider, first in Dodge (7)  
**25** Knock for six regarding German joiner (7)  
**26** Woman returning book for husband is not prepared (2,3)  
**27** Tears material – tears material? (9)  
**30** Get it together, treating disorder with drug (9)  
**31** Record left by teacher in Siam (5)

## Down

- 1** Copper stops sadomasochism in dirty film (4)  
**2** Sweetie admitting passion for dependant (6-2)  
**3** God having a short break (4)

- 4** Great writer, not commencing novel, starts to fill in coupons (8)  
**5** Tot was first to be spoilt (6)  
**6** Mafia-style base? (6,4)  
**7** Chinese fare served up later (6)  
**8** Barrymore produced pictures (4)  
**13** Underground bit of rhizome swelling (5)  
**14** Trousers get tucked into shoes (6,4)  
**16** Moved carefully while in river heading north (5)  
**19** One covers up for Tory leader ... (8)  
**21** ... Tory leader depicted in a charmingly old-fashioned print (8)  
**23** Jeeves leading a dance (6)  
**24** Greek islander caught up (6)  
**26** Friends of Nancy the novelist? (4)  
**28** Resident in area luckily unaffected (4)  
**29** Only popular music heard (4)

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