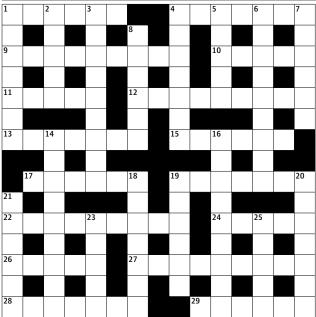
## **Guardian cryptic crossword**



No 25,835 set by Paul

## Across

- 1 Watery lake, wet banks (6) 4 First persons in Europe to welcome leader of regime,
- old, old city (7) 9 Hawthorns tip on one side
- (9)
- 10 See 4 down
- 11 Mad reservists? (5)
- 12 Lethal drug containing Irish whiskey? Ultimately, it's not true (5,4)
- **13** Cross bridges if to give evidence (7)
- **15** Warning that's right about which man's after my own heart? (6)
- 17 Old wine in Pinot, bowels evacuated (4,2)
- 19 Bleat about faceless joint, one serving non-alcoholic drinks (7)
- **22** See 2
- 24 Toilet empty, entering toilet is a gamble (5)
- **26** Double entendre primarily in string (5)
- 27 Bitter bread possibly English, I'm not sure Napoleon eating it (4,5)
- **28,8** Cause trouble, as might a 3? (4,3,3,3)
- **29** Shrub mainly robust, leastwise at every border

## Down

- 1 Old instrument still under fire (7)
- **2,22** Blade Runner film award is the peak, pope claims (5,9)
- 3 Putin not entirely sorry, not right when subversive girls ultimately jailed them? (5,4)

- 4,10 Can I see limits in Jamaican running, accepting premier of sprinters is Olympic gold medallist? (7,5)
- 5 Very eager to lose gram to get thin (5)
- 6 For starters, consider each northern constellation to be one in the south? (9)
- Shellfish gobbled by boy's terrapin (6)
- **8** See 28
- 14 Make-up getting criticism in old comedy (9)
- 16 I'm surprised to see politician with a large strawberry scoffing fruit (9)
- **18** Thumb thing thumbthing thought? (7)
- 19 Kind of case where risk overshadows challenge (6)
- 20 Untrustworthy in the end, locate new attendant (7)
- 21 Unpleasant stuff deposited in an amount of money (6)
- 23 Open on time (5)
- 25 Principle number eight, gutless (5)

## Solution No. 25,834

