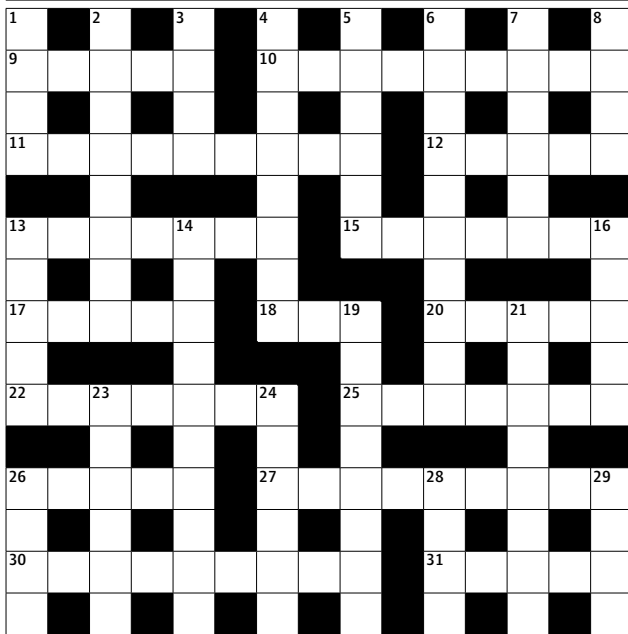


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,859 set by Brummie

Across

- 9** Marsh ground in Goa? (5)
10 Exploitation by commanding officer, one in sizzling casual wear (9)
11 Close associate's bottom sagged – that's painful! (9)
12,23 One with an agenda – hacking car phones with iridium implant (11)
13 Line in mate's clothing (7)
15 Died wearing examination supports (7)
17 Stupendous housing tip (5)
18 See 29
20 Soup from rounded, duck-black vessel (5)
22 Keen to go having been needed? (5,2)
25 Act of sleeping produced by bad opera's length! (7)
26 Collective curios mostly outrival returns (5)
27 Making tiger come out of a pyramid, say (9)
30 Admirable features, thorough observations (4,5)
31 One seen in rushes of movie, ultimately eaten by plant? (5)

Down

- 1,3** Puggish feature of bonuses distributed and reduced internally (4,4)
2,21 She would ineptly get players into bad habits (8,8)
3 See 1
4 Oh, to be back in New Circle Cross (8)

- 5** Be more ingenious than blooming joker (6)
6 Coming to a stop, pretty high on drugs? (8,2)
7 See 13
8 How annoying to be turned over for lead (4)
13,7 Idle person with set habit needs analyst's aid: "Doctor too pat" (5,6)
14 One physically representing an actor needs stiff drink of spirits (4,6)
16,24 Homer's after second cutter, say, for grass (5,6)
19 Old, much performed piece? Actually, a modern hit (8)
21 See 2
23 See 12
24 See 16
26 Greens commonly associated with top grade star (4)
28 Oscar's equivalent of a thief's aid (not jack) (4)
29,18 "Nice little earner" from bread and milk supplier (4,3)

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