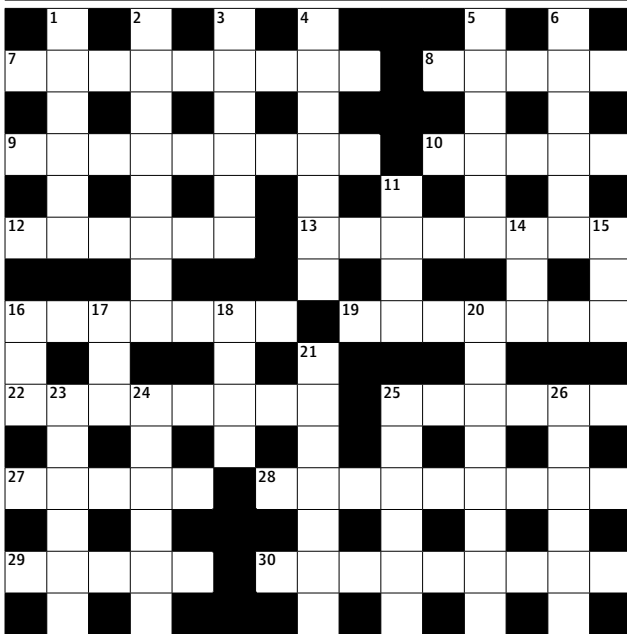


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,962 set by Boatman

Across

- 7 They make cold scalp hot in a blizzard (5,4)
- 8,27 Banana split by Monsieur Escoffier, le premier pour préparer une bombe? (5,1,4)
- 9 As it has no limit, no end of folly (9)
- 10,1 Pudding cooked? I'll check with wife, say (5,6)
- 12 Egg – perhaps pheasant – found by Lawrence (6)
- 13 Teaser: eg “oddities and whatnots” (8)
- 16 Part of the story of English pastry is about the land (7)
- 19 Here nomads eat sheep’s head for pudding (7)
- 22 One has faith in the UK’s endless fishing? It contains the seeds of complete annihilation (8)
- 25 Pudding for tea, say? Where’s that? (6)
- 27 See 8
- 28 Police duo outlook? (4,5)
- 29 Pudding could be said to anticipate shortage (5)
- 30 Barge recklessly overloaded with pudding ingredient, a root (5,4)

Down

- 1 See 10
- 2 Clue to tone of pudding (4,4)
- 3 Basis of sweet course in times past: a lot of ale (6)
- 4,18 To make pudding, boil diced ingredients in empty tank (7,4)

- 5 Indulge in pudding (extra large) (6)
- 6 Spooner’s starting to say joints are a problem with cold (6)
- 11 See 17
- 14 See 16
- 15 Boatman’s in the way – it’s deliberate (3)
- 16,14 Follow up point in game (6)
- 17,11 Ingredient of pudding: rat? Evidently, one says: “No thank you” (7)
- 18 See 4
- 20 Strange custom, to live in Devon (8)
- 21 Sharp, concise facts: key on the Guardian (2,5)
- 23 Viz features Spooner’s problem joint (6)
- 24 Folly of starting to let unhealthy nutrition affect chubby youths (6)
- 25 Entice with an apple crumble (6)
- 26 Agitated and drunk after end of dinner (6)

Solution No. 25,961

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