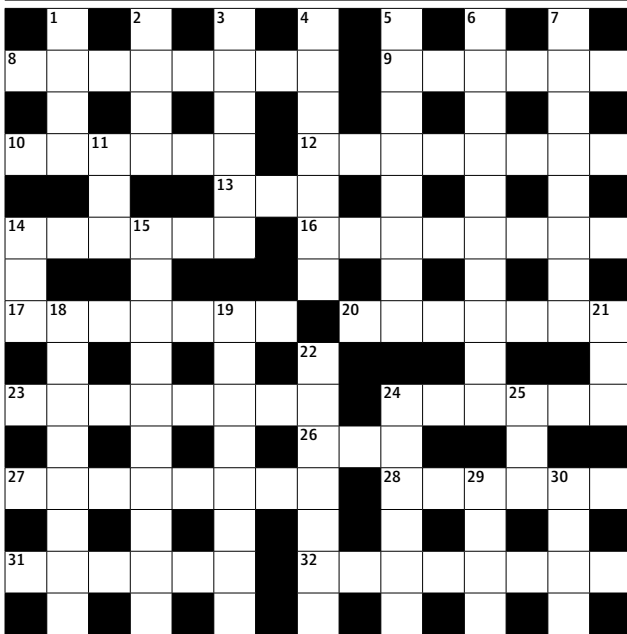


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,087 set by Gordius

Across

- 8 It's OK for youngsters, but not for when we're getting on (8)
- 9 Sauce not right with a prophet (6)
- 10 You can bet here's a misdemeanour in company (6)
- 12 Man of rank struggled with endless greatness (8)
- 13 Bath chaps reflect some local feature (3)
- 14 In time, bad type could do with correction (6)
- 16 Prince shortly named over regarding curved surfaces (8)
- 17 Wherein I might have been patriotic, but you end ferocious (7)
- 20 Weather in 17 before it changed going to eastern country (7)
- 23 Difficulty of getting label for minced horse? (8)
- 24 12 with lonely hearts? (6)
- 26 Epidemic brought back from the Gulf (3)
- 27 Average pest said to produce irrational fear (8)
- 28 Strong ham, as 79 of 12,087 (6)
- 31 Private words, as over a party (6)
- 32 Dial can be cool (4-4)

Down

- 1 State doubly likely in the elderly? (4)
- 2 Tragic heroine in opera, mostly parody (4)
- 3 Snack for prophet in Salvation Army (6)
- 4 Seems artificial silver in cable, say (7)
- 5 Annual time to arrest (8)
- 6 Army officer gives assistance on point to make off (4-2-4)
- 7 Hang about with a Scot from Africa (8)
- 11 "Gentleman" is upright (3)
- 14 Decline of Thatcherite released from bird (3)
- 15 Pudding gobbled, drawback later (10)
- 18 Practise 21 in rising Surrey town (8)
- 19 Ocean mount? (3,5)
- 21 Attention is part of learning (3)
- 22 It occurs to a shadow minister to keep notes (7)
- 24 Bird's taken in by brash advertisement (6)
- 25 Indulge in huff (3)
- 29 Copper live, solid and regular (4)
- 30 Island loses little time over whales (4)

Solution No. 26,086

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