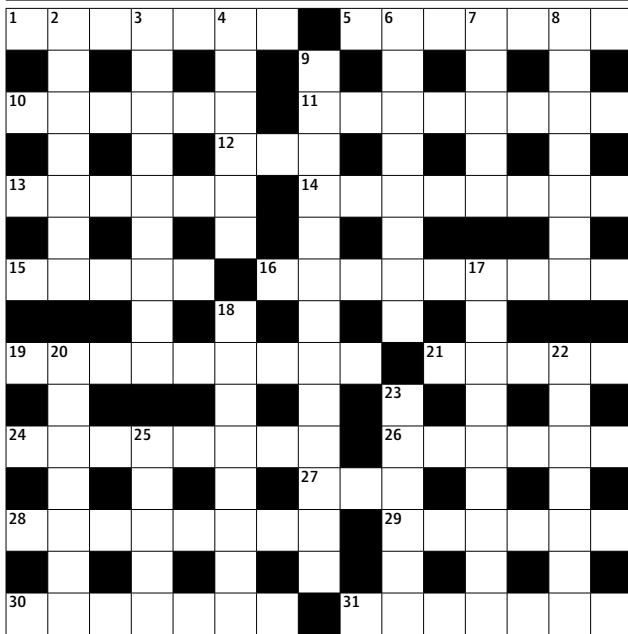


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,104 set by Gordius

Note added 13 November 2013: in 14 across the figure originally published has been corrected to 7

Across

- 1 Noble order whereby may hang a jewel (3,4)
- 5 Struggle when article is gone without (7)
- 10 Naturalist has ladies' club in stitches (6)
- 11 Hourglass likely to be pensioned off (3-5)
- 12 Mostly wrong as High Willhays (3)
- 13 Thwart the unknown in confused times (6)
- 14 A thousand and 7 over, eh? Not far off the ground (4-4)
- 15 Coaxed to start rising in early morning (5)
- 16 Dressed in a tie, man found dead (9)
- 19 Exaggerate Putin's position? (9)
- 21 Photograph collection nearly all posterior (5)
- 24 Leave poor 12 to give you a lift (8)
- 26 Dig up one-time philosopher (6)
- 27 Vessel in which to pour noggins (3)
- 28 Hard nail bent to offer support (8)
- 29 Not quite straight soldier failing to report for duty (6)
- 30 Man upset about Blair having contrary term (7)
- 31 Kiwi more fitting with unknowns? (7)

Down

- 2 A plimsoll 12 that helps establish connections (7)
- 3 Mad women go to law over right to garden equipment (4,5)
- 4 Raillery (before in old railway) (6)
- 6 Sound egg curdled fish (8)
- 7 Cry from mount in Near East (5)
- 8 Cunning with minimal sound (7)
- 9 Like party leaders before an election? (7,2,4)
- 17 Old economist keeping nothing at English distillery (9)
- 18 Sculpture has to remain over sailor's about turn (8)
- 20 House in which is a rogue (7)
- 22 Association of states, lots about 50, which is gutless (7)
- 23 Writer set about being confined (4-2)
- 25 Film of culture almost devoid

Solution No. 26,103

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