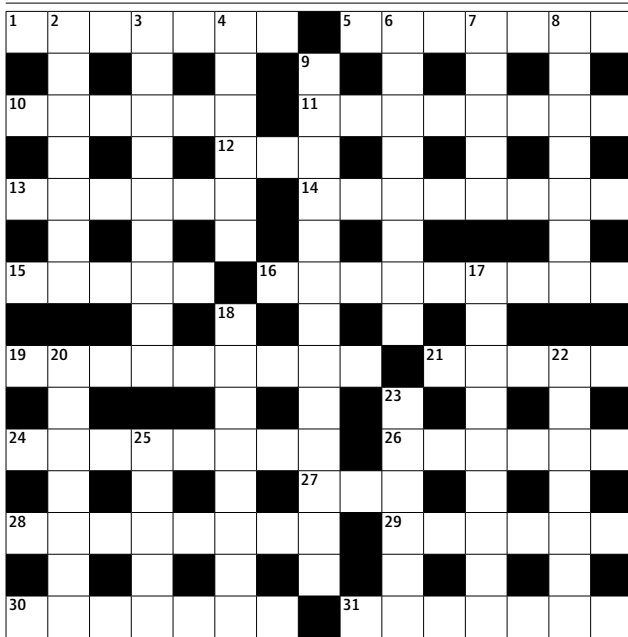


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,111 set by Pasquale

## Across

- 1 Fall asleep in ditch by side of road? (4,3)
- 5 Encourage paranormal communication sitting by river (7)
- 10 Singer wanting peace – one of his names is a “bully” (4,2)
- 11 See 15
- 12 Three at front of school bedroom finding beetle (3)
- 13 After examination, church is found to be lively (6)
- 14 At home in a country that is highly unstable (8)
- 15,11 Bottom gear for some kids on bikes? (5,8)
- 16 Imagined very wise person embracing one in death (9)
- 19 Inform the enemy when most are watching (5,4)
- 21,25 Hazel has these essayist’s stories read out (5-5)
- 24 Religious reformer holds smart political meeting (8)
- 26 Irritate man with the baton (6)
- 27 Rubbish food with chips? (3)
- 28 Some wine is very, very dry – inadequate alongside the others (8)
- 29 With no one else to help, call number back (3-3)
- 30 Stylish Italian account given in poetry (7)
- 31 Pottage offered with little hesitation – by one to another? (7)

## Down

- 2 Special shrine stores the ultimate in church wine (7)
- 3 Manger apt to be shown transformed by star (9)
- 4 It’s better to lock up daughter, one discovers (6)
- 6 After end of tedious debate, hurry for a drink (8)
- 7 Offensive while filming (5)
- 8 Dog Rex finally escaping from snare (7)
- 9 Performing masculine arts, do oneself an injury (6,1,6)
- 17 Not everything intended to be heard in residence (9)
- 18 Insect to suffer as the result of being constricted (8)
- 20 Boy entertained by womaniser’s musical embellishment (7)
- 22 Matador’s fruit? (7)
- 23 Report of Cockney’s tougher passion (6)
- 25 See 21

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