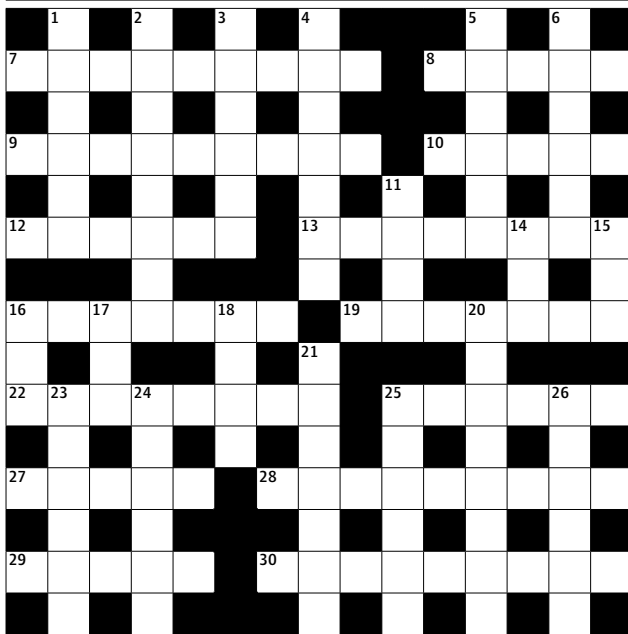


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,255 set by Puck

Across

- 7 Dance venue near to Central London underground – Blackfriars, for starters (9)
 8 Puck leaves 14 11, a music system (3-2)
 9 Party man isn't silly so-and-so? (9)
 10 On the move from one prison (5)
 12 Be consistent with echo that's affected leading note (6)
 13 Daily newspaper's mass appeal, originally a compelling attraction (8)
 16 Tampers with soap (7)
 19 Decide definitely to 18 this puzzle? (7)
 22 Hospital roped off for Spanish apostle (3,5)
 25 Went up mountain? Fell off, having gone first (6)
 27 Do medicine (5)
 28 Pushchair occupant full of germs? (4,5)
 29 Overcharge offensive group of 8 (5)
 30 Sickness potentially lethal after one left hospital (3,6)
- 4 Man on the bench is only reserve (7)
 5 Gibbon's ailing somewhat due to small growth (6)
 6 A note hard to ratify (6)
 11 Musical notes (4)
 14 See 16
 15 See 16
 16,17,14,15 Get down with sort of dance number not identified by a series of notes (12)
 18 Redecorate? Yes, after taking ecstasy, cocaine and speed (4)
 20 During exam, copper has a right to be enigmatically prophetic (8)
 21 What eunuchs have as extras? (2-5)
 23 Note bum note, including note right now (2,4)
 24 Note in iPad about how 8 syllables appear in 11 and 18 (6)
 25 Tool chest surprisingly contains unknown quantity (6)
 26 12.5% of 29? That's hard (6)

Down

- 1 Escort in garage started at the first attempt, with learner at wheel? (6)
 2 Very best bars providing cold food, but less cold temperature (8)
 3 Only child volunteers to join very English group of 8 (6)

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