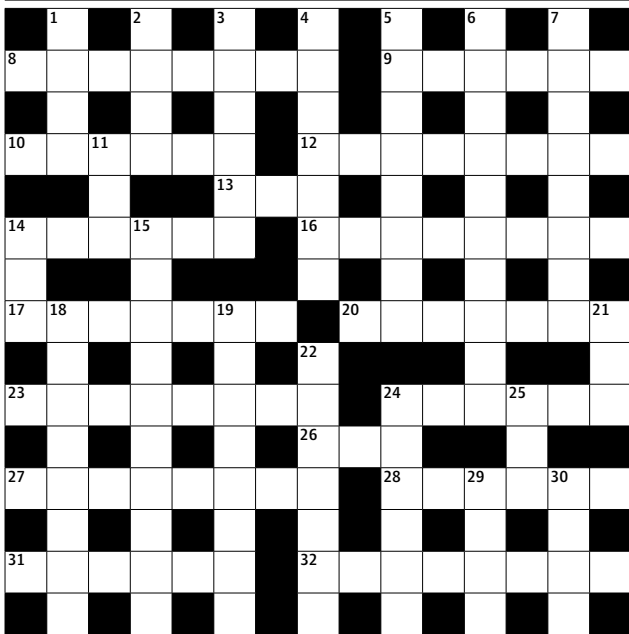


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 8** Put forward case in favour of keeping sterling (8)
9 Basis for wholesaling line creates grief (6)
10 Paying customer to make severe criticism about rotten first half performance (6)
12 Sociable swimmer expressed sympathy for sick cat (8)
13 Even let go of one's own identity (3)
14 Newspaper copy (6)
16 Agonised about site of US naval base (3,5)
17 Maverick Guatemalan let out of nearby capital (7)
20 Fed up with exam for the most skilful (7)
23 Dish is served, cut into pieces (8)
24 Anxious concerning the border (2,4)
26 This queen applied for release, as originally predicted (3)
27 Reported trying to catch a computer scam (8)
28 Defrauded over relationship (4,2)
31 Flower arrangement for relaxed cream tea? No thanks! (6)
32 Honour vehicle crew verbally (8)

Down

- 1** Region much fresher as broadcast (4)
2 Dispute is only half on an equal basis (4)
3 An artist on the lathe? (6)
4 Fatty requires active duty shortly, I suggest (7)

- 5** Alienate sergeant, terribly (8)
6 Film musical found a way to come back with old title restored (2,8)
7 Party endorses transfers (8)
11 Historically imprisoned one of many on Dartmoor (3)
14 Overmodest up north at the end of the last century (3)
15 Thought once again about beasts getting distressed ending (10)
18 One who gets off with a detective chief superintendent? (4,4)
19 Like P, T, K and S, conducive to change without a leader (8)
21 Article penned by another (3)
22 Bring matter to court about tabloid newspaper slight (7)
24 Central European solicitor not to participate (3,3)
25 Old Indian postal system had beginnings in Delhi and Karachi (3)
29 Forewarning of submarine captain being sent back (4)
30 Scrap part of audiotape (4)

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