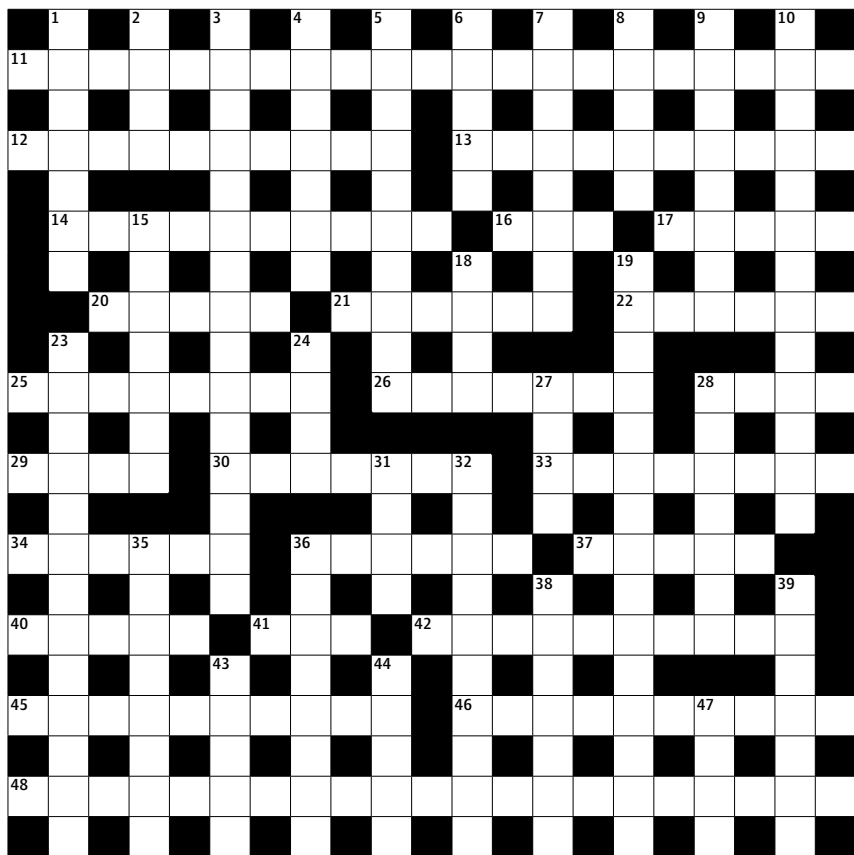


# GUARDIAN EASTER CRYPTIC CROSSWORD



No 26,238 set by Maskarade

Your starter for 10! Solutions to 11: 5, 36 down 3 28 across, 48 form a quotation from a work by an author born 100 years ago. Solutions to 10 other clues, not further defined, lead to the work and to nine characters appearing in it.

## Across

- 11** See instructions  
**12** Large lorry blocks topped vegetables (10)  
**13** A man of the soil is related to forecaster, on reflection (6,4)

- 14** Agent's girl is in the syrup, sadly (7,3)  
**16,41** Turkish governor dropped nothing at midday (6)  
**17** Pithy saying on garden feature (5)  
**20** See 6  
**21,15** Ethical tautology of navigators? (6,7)  
**22** Quick drink with peevish playwright (6)

- 25** Tony Blair's son holds strong fibre from the continent (8)  
**26** Angry dog on iceberg (7)  
**28** See instructions  
**29** A great deal on offer? (4)  
**30** Mad rush – mpg involved (3,4)  
**33** 100% at the roast? (5,3)  
**34** Bog rounds off gateway (6)  
**36** Note on alternate pairings in Kincardineshire, formerly (6)  
**37** Christmas bird dressed for school (5)  
**40** See 8  
**41** See 16  
**42** Area with restricted entry, having decayed body in spectacles (6,4)  
**45** Pure white slates (4,6)  
**46** Awfully coy about German chap, not seen before backsliding (6,4)  
**48** See instructions

## Down

- 1** Helpless giggling of us in sack (3,4)  
**2** Still one in the Skoda range (4)  
**3** See instructions  
**4** See 31  
**5** See instructions  
**6,20** Sea's engulfed everyone winning – even these folk! (10)  
**7** Old cowman – new adherent (8)  
**8,40** Western part of ancient kingdom and its northern part (5,5)  
**9** Ravish 34 (8)  
**10** "Deadly" Kent and England bowler has a drink (5,4,4)  
**15** See 21  
**18** Contents of Norbert's up river (4)  
**19** Governing body troubled bandleader from Ohio (5,2,8)

- 23** Car drivers showing order in roundabout at 1:20? (13)  
**24** Workers removing top of Y-fronts (4)  
**27** Sounds from 47? No! (4)  
**28** Venetian artist with link to river? See! (7)  
**31,4** State out loud which relatives (4,7)  
**32** Love! 43 15 appear under German carriages (6,4)  
**35** Where to joust traditionally without a lion, maybe (4,4)  
**36** See instructions  
**38** Acquires new besom in Cyprus (5,2)  
**39** Playwright showing that 1 + 1 is company (7)  
**43** 1,100 for the presenter (5)  
**44** Mulling over dropping marks during employment? (5)  
**47** Hooters for Wales, even! (4)

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